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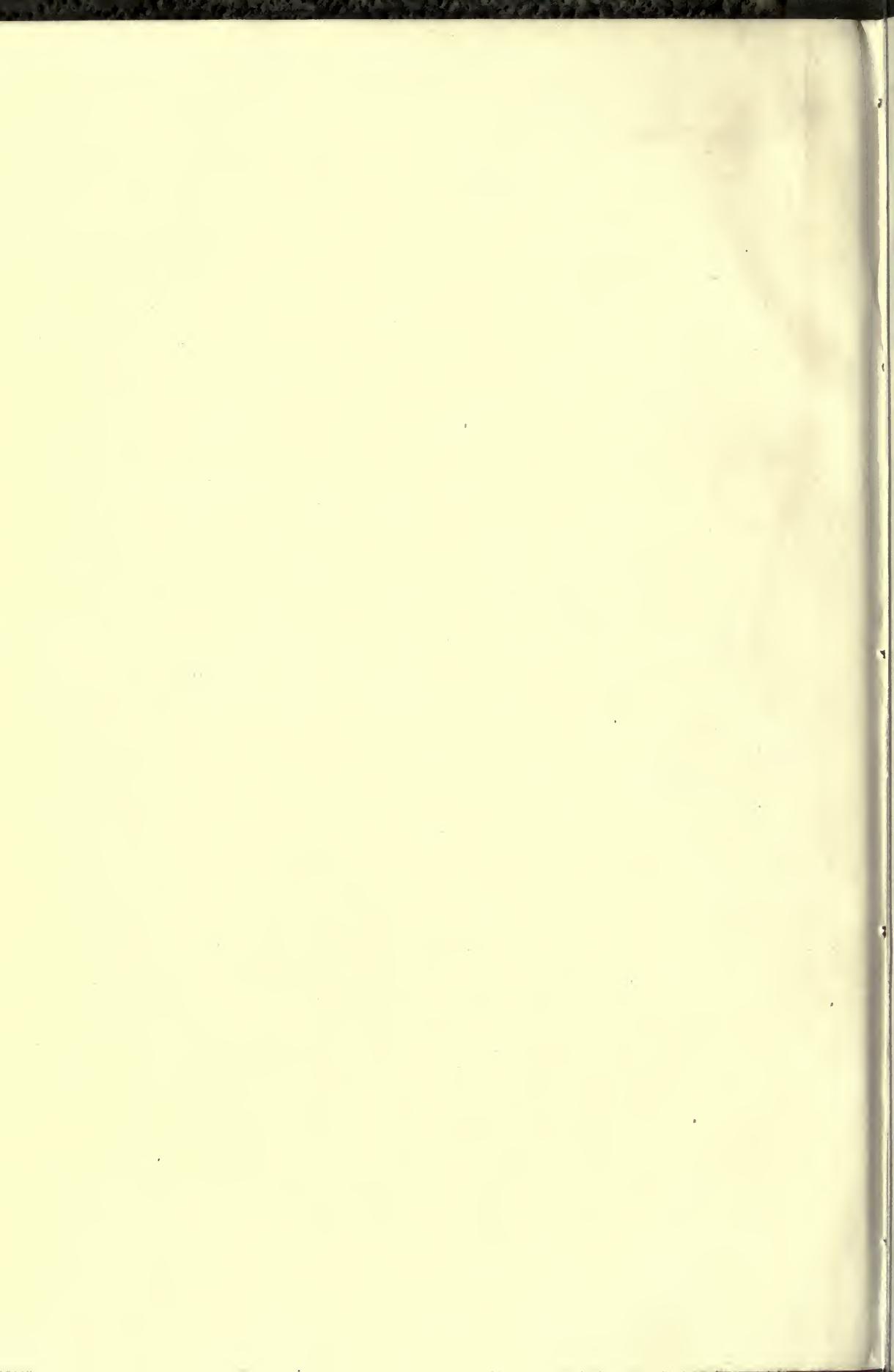
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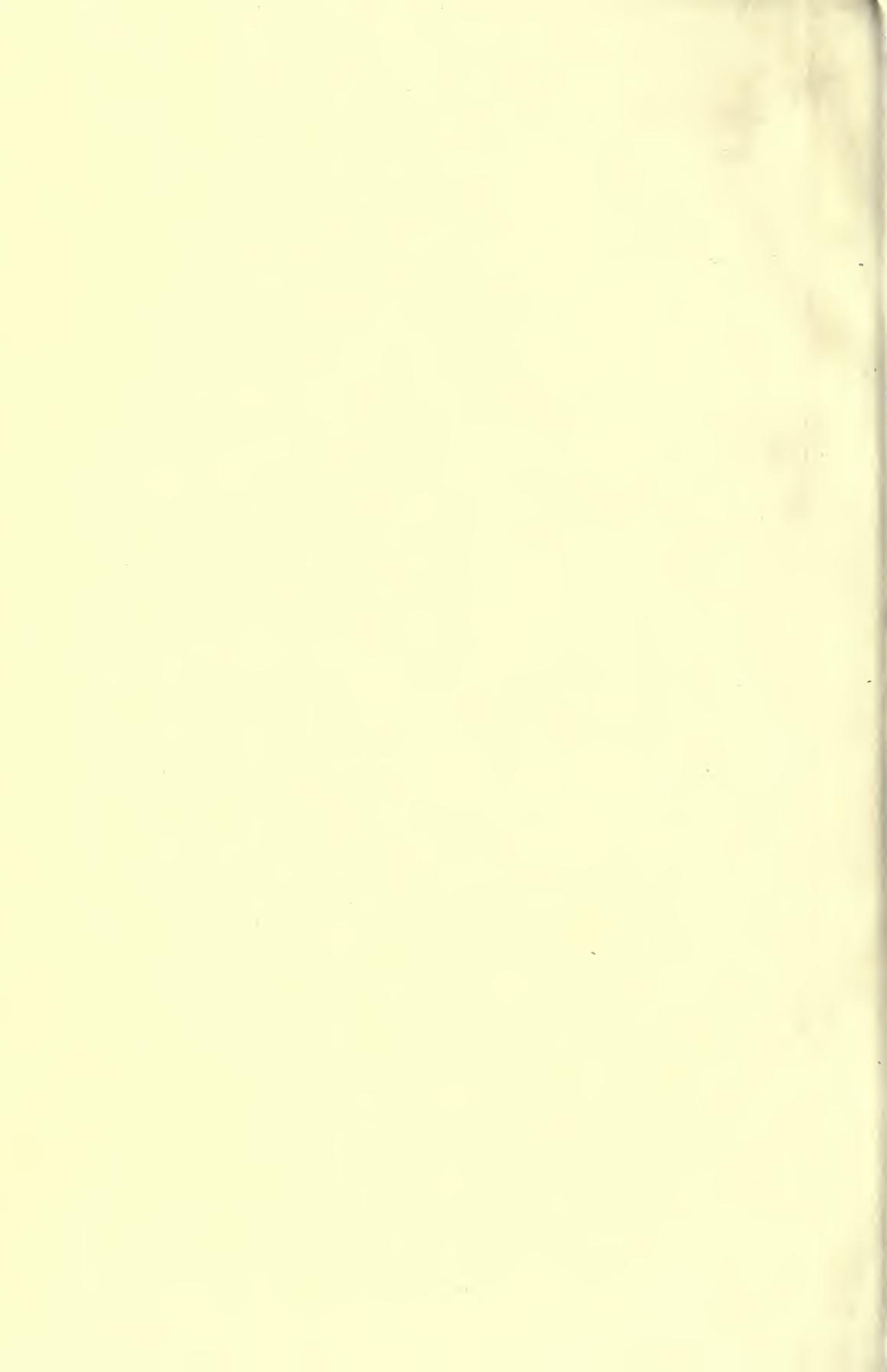
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## OFFICERS OF MARISCHAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY.

### CHANCELLORS.<sup>1</sup>

1593. George Keith, fifth Earl Marischal, Baron Keith and Altrie.

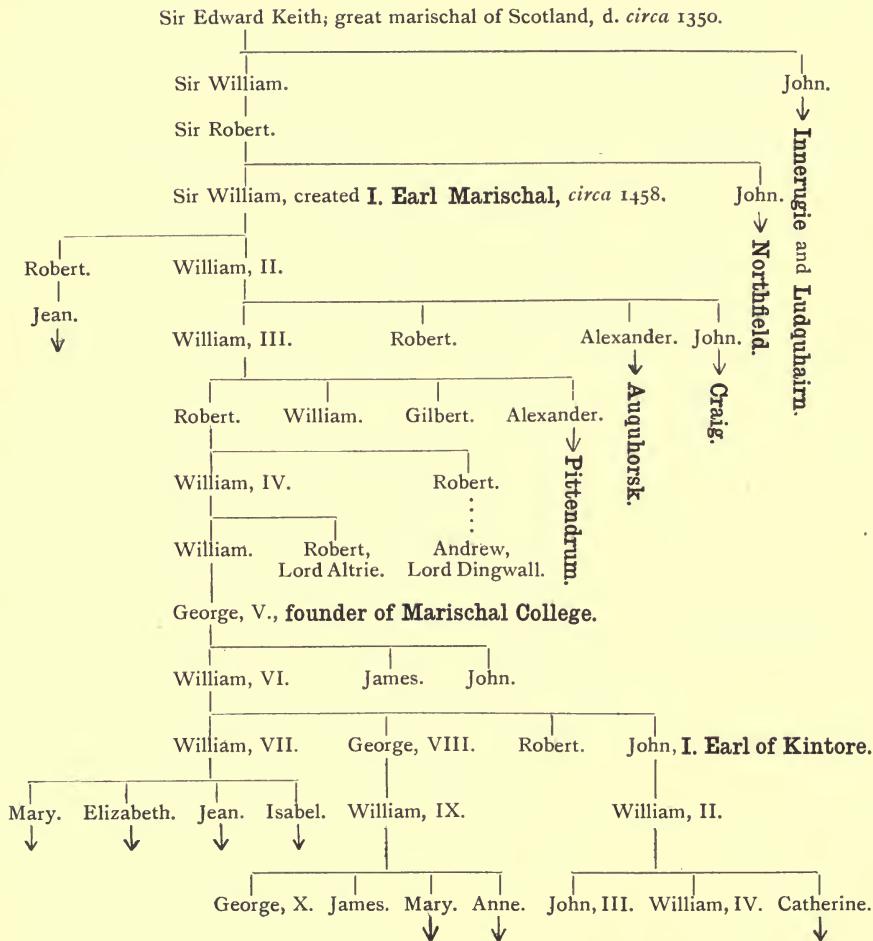
Married, 1st, Margaret, dau. of Alexander, fifth Baron Home, with issue, William, sixth Earl, Anne (m. William, second Earl of Morton), Margaret (m. Sir Robert Arbuthnot): and, 2nd, Margaret, dau. of James, sixth Baron Ogilvie, with issue, James and John, who both died without legitimate male issue. Died 2nd April, 1623. Portrait after Jamesone in possession of University, reproduced in Vol. I., and in the great window, Mitchell Hall, Mar. Coll. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.* Douglas' *Peerage*. G. E. C.'s *Complete Peerage*. See also Ogston's *Oratio funebris in obitum Georgii*, etc., Abred., 1623. *Lachrymae Academiae Marischallanae sub obitum Georgii*, etc., Abred., 1623. Smith's *Oratio in qua Acad. Marisch. Mæcenates commemorantur*, Abred., 1702. *Delit. Poet. Scot.*, II., 314. The editor has been unable to trace a copy of Thomas Cargill's "Verse in Latin in commendatioun of my Lord Marischeall for erecting the new College in Aberdeen," printed for the Aberdeen Town Council in 1593. *Notes and Queries*, 7, I., 129.)

1623. William Keith, sixth Earl Marischal.

Married, Mary, dau. of John, seventh Earl of Mar, with issue, William, seventh Earl; George, eighth Earl; Robert, d. unm.; John, first Earl of Kintore; Mary (m. John, Lord Kinpont); Jean (m. Alexander, Lord Pitsligo), and Anne. Died 28th October, 1635. Portrait by Jamesone in possession of Major the Hon. Robert Baillie-Hamilton, reproduced in Vol. I. (*Dict.*

<sup>1</sup> The duties of the Chancellor are set forth in the Foundation Charter (Vol. I., p. 39), but nothing is said as to the mode of election. In one passage (p. 44) it is implied that he may be "minister verbi," but the Earls Marischal were regarded as Chancellors till their forfeiture in 1716. Their usual title, however, was "patron," the college being called the "Earl Marischal's College". They issued presentations to the Principalship and the Regencies: see Vol. I., p. 69.

## THE EARLS MARISCHAL.



*Nat. Biog.* Douglas. G. E. C. See also *Lachrymae Acad. Maresch. in obitum Wilhelmi, etc., Abred.*, 1635.<sup>1</sup>)

<sup>1</sup> This very scarce volume contains three epigrams by Arthur Johnston, which have eluded the notice of the editor of *Musa Latina Aberd.* They run as follows:—

“IN OBITUM ILLUSTRISSIMI WILHELMI KETHI COMITIS MARESCHALLANI.

“Tot modo terrarum dominus, nunc KETHUS Olympum  
 Possidet et superi jugera vasta soli.  
 Marmoreas fugiens et dignas regibus arcis,  
 Aurea nunc coeli, cum Iove, tecta colit.  
 Et quos audierat saeclis egisse triumphos  
 Bis tribus, ingentes hic prope cernit avos.  
 Quemque clientelis stipatum vidimus, astra  
 Nunc super, aligerō cingitur ille choro.  
 Et satur ambrosia est et vivit nectare Divum,  
 Cui latices tellus ante dapesque dedit.  
 Si bona praeteritis confers praesentia, KETHUS  
 Dum foret in terris, pauper inopsque fuit.  
 Si tamen ingenii dotes, animique potentis  
 Aurea pensentur munera, dives erat.

“ALIUD.

“Ipse tua radians et avita luce coruscus,  
 Gentis Hyperboreae gloria, KETHE, jaces.  
 Illustris tibi vita fuit, mors aemula vitae est,  
 Illa tuis meritis, conjugis ista nitet.  
 Te Dea complexa est morientem mollibus ulnis,  
 Fovit et ambrosio frigida colla sinu:  
 Ore legens animam, labris infudit amomum,  
 Fixit et Idaliis oscula plena rosis.  
 Et sibi sidereos lachrymis suffudit ocellos.  
 Et clausit nivea lumina functa manu.  
 Si possent gelido Superi succumbere letho,  
 Sic ego crediderim Numina velle mori.

“ALIUD.

“KETHE soli coelique decus, non unius uxor  
 Virtutis specimen, te moriente, dedit.  
 Luminibus lachrymas libavit et oscula labris,  
 Dextraque palpebram clausit utramque manus.  
 Luminibus luctum, labris testatur amorem,  
 Dextra manus fortem monstrat et esse piam.

“Arth. Johnstonus, M.D.”

## 1635. William Keith, seventh Earl Marischal.

Married, 1st, Elizabeth, dau. of George, third Earl of Winton, with issue, William (d. in inf.), Mary, (m. Sir James Hope of Hopetoun), Elizabeth (m. Robert, second Viscount Arbuthnott), Jean (m. George, third Baron Banff), Isabel (m. Sir Edward Turner, bart.): 2nd, Anne, dau. of Robert, eighth Earl of Morton. Died 1661. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.* G. E. C. The Graduation Theses of 1626 are dedicated "Comiti de Keth, optimae spei adolescenti"; those of 1634, "illustr. Com. Maresch. filio natu maximo, unicis nostrarum musarum deliciis"; those of 1658, "Comiti Marischallo, musarum fautori propensissimo". He was a bajan in 1631, *infra*.)

1661.<sup>1</sup> George Keith, eighth Earl Marischal.

Married, Mary, dau. of George, second Earl of Kinnoul, with issue, William, ninth Earl. Died 1694. (Dedication to Theses of 1669 and 1673. G. E. C.)

## 1694. William Keith, ninth Earl Marischal.

Married, Mary, dau. of James, fourth Earl of Perth, with issue, George, tenth Earl; James, Marshal Keith, Mary (m. John, sixth Earl of Wigton), Anne (m. Alexander, sixth Earl of Galloway). Died 27th May, 1712. (G. E. C. Bajan in 1676, *infra*. Founded in 1701 the professorship of Medicine: see Vol. I., p. 381.)

## 1712. George Keith, tenth and last Earl Marischal.

Attainted 1715-16; died (unmarried) at Potsdam, 28th May, 1778. Two portraits in possession of University. (*Dict. Nat. Biog. Jacobite Attempt of 1719*, Edin., 1895. The Theses of 1708 are dedicated "domino de Keith, celsissimi ac magnanimi herois D. Gulielmi Comitis Marischalli filio primogenito"; those of 1714, "potentissimo heroi comiti Marischallo". The last of the Earls graduated M.A. of his ancestral college in 1712, his younger brother, James, afterwards Marshal Keith, taking the same degree three years later: *infra*. As to the present representatives of the Earls Marischal, compare the genealogical trees on pp. 4, 87, with the articles, "The heirs of the Keaths," in *Scottish Notes and Queries* for May, 1894, and September, 1896, where many authorities are quoted; and with G. E. C.'s *Complete Peerage*.)

On the attainder of the Earls Marischal, their rights of College patronage passed to the Crown, but the Commissions of Visitation in 1716 and 1717 apparently made no provision for the appointment of a Chancellor. In 1727 we find the College petitioning King George II. to nominate as Chancellor his Majesty's second son, William, aged six, who had been created Duke of Cumberland a month before the date of the Petition.

<sup>1</sup> On 6th January, 1643, George, second Marquis of Huntly, was elected Chancellor of King Charles' University (Vol. I., p. 255); but the Marischal College members absented themselves from the meeting, and refused to recognise the election. (*Off. and Grad. of King's Coll.*, p. 4.)

" Unto the King's Most Excellent Majesty,

" The most humble Petition and Address of the Rector, Principal, Professors  
and Masters of His Majestie's Marischall University of Aberdeen.

" May it please Your Majestie.

" We, Your Majestie's most dutyfull and loyal subjects, haveing the great honour above all other Universitys in the Nation to be immediately under your Royal Patronage, humbly beg leave to represent that this Your Majestie's University is at great loss by the want of a Chancelour. Wherefor, if it be agreeable to Your Majestie's Royal Pleasure, we earnestly and unanimously intreat that Your Majestie our Royal Patron would be graciously pleas'd to nominate and constitute His Royal Highness, WILLIAM, DUKE OF CUMBERLAND, Chancelour of this Your University; which will not only signaly honour, but greatly tend to the flourishing thereof. And in evidence of our hearty concurrence, so farr as we are interested, we have presum'd to transmitt a most unanimous commission unto His Royal Highness.

" May God, who has in great mercy to these Kingdoms given Your Majestie peaceable possession of the throne of Your Royal Ancestors, greatly prosper and long preserve Your Majestie with your Royal Consort our Gracious Queen, and all the Royal Branches of Your August Family; by which, under God, the great happyness of these Kingdoms can only be secur'd and transmitted to posterity.

" Given at Your Majestie's College Marischal of Aberdeen, the twenty-eighth day of August, in the first year of Your Majestie's Reign."

" Commission to his highness, William, Duke of Cumberland.

" We, the Rector, Principal, Professors, and Masters of the Marischal University of Aberdeen, takeing into our consideration the great loss this University is at by the want of a Chancelour, and how much it will tend to the honour and flourishing of the same, that some honourable and proper person were elected into the said office, we all did and hereby doe unanimously nominate and elect His Royal Highness the High and Mighty Prince, WILLIAM, DUKE OF CUMBERLAND, Chancelour of this University, which office we most humbly and earnestly intreat His Royal Highness may accept of. And by the tenor of these presents we declare that His Royal Highness shall from henceforth have and enjoy all powers, jurisdiction, and honours which any Chancelour of this University by the Foundation Charter had or might in times past have enjoy'd and exercis'd. Promiseing all subjection and obedience unto His Royal Highness due on our part. In Wittness whereof these present letters haveing the strength of a publick instrument are inscrib'd by us at his Majestie's Marischall College of Aberdeen, this twenty-ninth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-seven years, and of His Majestie's reign the first year. And for further confirmation we have hereunto appended the great seal of this University.

[Signed] " Patt. Duff, Rector.

" Tho. Blackwell, Principal.

" Matthew Mackaile, Med. Professor.

" Dav. Verner, P.P.

" Daniel Gordon, P.P.

" Wm. Duff, P.P."

(Marischal College Charter Chest, "Chancellors," 1, 2. The second paper is endorsed :—"This Commission to be in Latine, wrote on parchment and embellish in due form".)

The result of this petition is unknown. The Duke became in 1746 Chancellor of St. Andrews. Kennedy (*Annals of Aberdeen*, Vol. II., p. 118) gives the Duke of Cumberland as elected Chancellor in 1747, but Kennedy's dates are notoriously inaccurate. See list of Regents, p. 31.

- 17 ? Archibald Campbell, Earl of Ilay (third Duke of Argyll).

The date of election is not recorded. The duke, an alumnus of the Universities of Glasgow and Utrecht, was created Earl of Ilay in 1706, and succeeded his brother, John, in the dukedom in 1743. In 1716 he was chosen Chancellor of King's College, but "upon weighty motives" did not accept (*Off. and Grad.*, p. 5). Kennedy gives John, Duke of Argyll, as Chancellor in 1754, but his names are only less inaccurate than his dates. Died 15th April, 1761. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

1761. John Stuart, third Earl of Bute.

Elected, 25th April, by the Principal and Masters, "taking into consideration that the office of Chancellor of this University is vacant by the death of his Grace the Duke of Argyle". (Minute in new *Rectorial Book*.) He accepts, 10th August: Latin diploma entered in Minute. ("Writing diploma, £5 5s.; silver seal box, £1 14s.; vellum, 10s. 6d." *Accounts*.) Benefactor to the Library (Vol. I., p. 454), and to the Observatory (Vol. I., p. 448). A promise to give Natural History specimens to the Museum is mentioned in the *Aberdeen Journal* of 6th Dec., 1784. Portrait in possession of University: copy after Ramsay by William Mossman in 1763. (£16 16s., with £10 10s. for frame. *Accounts*.) Died 10th March, 1792. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

1793. David Murray, second Earl of Mansfield.

B.A., Oxon., 1748; D.C.L., 1793. Elected 19th April. (*Rect. Book*: Diploma, £2 2s.) Died 1st Sept., 1796. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

1796. William Eden, first Baron Auckland.

M.A., Oxon., 1768. Elected 7th November. (*Rect. Book*: Diploma, £1 1s.) "Lord Auckland, an English nobleman, who had never even visited Scotland, and was not educated there, was chosen Chancellor solely at the instigation of the Principal, Dr. Brown, whose patron he was, and who had got acquainted with him when holding his Utrecht situation, at which time Auckland was ambassador to the States. The proper Chancellor to have been chosen in 1796 was the Marquis of Huntly, as Professor Copland proposed, and never voted for Lord Auckland. In going after Court patronage, the Collège fell into a mistake. All the correspondence passed between the Chancellor and Dr. Brown, in letters often not seen by the Faculty. Hence the necessity of the following order: '1811, May 31. Principal Brown to read to the Faculty all letters which he writes in their name, and to lodge copies in the letter book.'—*Min.*" (Knight.) Died 28th May, 1814. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

## 1814. George Gordon, eighth Marquis of Huntly.

Record in Faculty *Minute Book*, 19th July. Had been called to House of Lords in his father's barony of Gordon, 1807; succeeded as fifth and last Duke of Gordon, 1827. Installed as Chancellor, 22nd December, 1815. (Kennedy's *Annals*, II., 90. *Nobilissimi viri Georgii Marchionis de Huntly Inaugurandi formula atque modus; praecipue Oratio habita a Gulielmo Laurentio Brown, praefecto, Abred.*, 1816. Ode in *Aberdeen Journal*, 27th Dec., 1815.) Died 25th May, 1836, when the dukedom became extinct. (*Min.*, 30th June; *Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

## 1836. Charles Gordon, fifth Duke of Richmond and Lennox.

Record in Faculty *Minute Book*, 30th June; installed 2nd Sept. On the union of King's and Marischal Colleges became joint Chancellor (with fourth Earl of Aberdeen) of the University of Aberdeen, 15th Sept., 1860; died 21st October, 1860. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

## RECTORS AND DEANS OF FACULTY.<sup>1</sup>

1598. Peter Blackburn, the elder, minister of Aberdeen, Dean of Faculty.

Signs feu charter of date 5th Sept., 1598 (Vol. I., p. 76).

1619. Patrick Dun, doctor of medicine, Rector; William Forbes, doctor of divinity, D. of F.

Present at visitation of the College, 31st December, when an ordinance was made "that the College fees payable by the students to the regents should be conform as they were appointed at a visitation in the King's College, *viz.*,

<sup>1</sup> For the duties and method of election of the Rector and Dean of Faculty, see the Foundation Charter (Vol. I., pp. 44-58). The Universities (Scotland) Act of 1858, § 10, provided that the Rector of the University of Aberdeen should be elected by the matriculated students "voting according to the present usage in Marischal College". There has thus been preserved in Aberdeen a closer approximation to early academic usage than in the other Scottish Universities, for in Aberdeen alone the Rector is still chosen by four procurators, elected previously by the Nations. In Glasgow the Nations do not elect procurators, but vote directly for the Rector; in St. Andrews the Nations were abolished by Ordinance No. 4 of the 1858 Commission; in Edinburgh they never existed.

"The definition of the Nations given in the Charter does not, in some respects, correspond to what has been long followed in practice. The nation to which foreigners are to be assigned is not mentioned; it has been the custom to add them to the Angusians, or those born south of the Carn o' Month. The word *diocesis* employed in the Charter evidently indicates the true division. The *Abredonensis diocesis* is divided into the *Marriensis* and *Buchanensis*. *Marriensis* has Garioch added to it, and comprehends not only the tract between the Dee and the Don, but also Alford, Strathdon, and Garioch, or all to the south of Formartin; it also includes the parishes of Strachan, Banchory-Ternan, Banchory-Devenick, and Maryculter, in the county of Kincardine, but in the diocese of Aberdeen. *Buchanensis* ought to include Buchan, Formartin, and Strathbogie, or those parts of the Counties of Aberdeen and Banff lying between the Deveron on the West and North, and Mar and Garioch on the South, exclusive of all that part of Scotland not included in the two foregoing divisions, lying to the North of the Mons Grampius (Carn o' Month), which contains the *Moraviensis*. But as the parishes of Huntly, Gartly, Rhynie and Essie, Glass, and Cairnie were not within the diocese of Aberdeen, they ought to be included in the *Moraviensis*; and Formartin is by custom taken in with Mar, Buchan being viewed as having the Ythan for its Southern boundary." (Knight, *circa* 1840.)

twenty merks for the sons of noblemen and barons, ten pound for the sons of other gentlemen, and the bursars and poor scholars to be taught gratis". (*Memorials relating to Union of Colleges*, Aberd., 1755, p. 24.) Dun had been Professor of Logic in 1610, and became Principal in 1621, *infra*. Forbes had been Professor of Logic in 1601, and became Principal in 1620, *infra*.

1625. William Forbes, Rector.

Graduation Theses dedicated to him in this capacity, *infra*.

1632. William Forbes; John Forbes, doctor, D. of F.

Sign a deed, 14th April, constituting Principal Dun common procurator of the College (Ch. Ch. "Rectors," 2.) The D. of F. is probably the contemporary Professor of Divinity at King's College. (*Off. and Grad.*, p. 68.)

1642. William Guild.

Elected "Rector of King Charles' Universitie of Aberdeen," 11th Nov. (*Off. and Grad.*, p. 10.)

1643. William Guild.

Re-elected 23rd November.

1648. David Lindsay.

Signs as Rector a discharge of Marischal College accounts. Minister of Belhelvie. Seems to have been Rector of King's College, 1645-50. (*Off. and Grad.*, p. 11.) The Caroline Union, though not referred to in the elections, doubtless subsisted during that period.

1664. Arthur Rose; Lewis Gordon, M.D., D. of F.

This being the first election recorded in the old *Rectorial Minute Book* (part of Album I.), the minutes are quoted verbatim.

" Att Aberdeene the auchteint day of October<sup>1</sup> Jm vi<sup>c</sup> threescore four yeares  
D. James Leslie principall, mr Wm. Meldrum, mr George Banerman,  
mr Wm. Paterson, mr John Gordon, regents.

" The quhilk day in presence of the principall and regents of the colledge Marischall of Aberdeene Gilbert Beidie noottar publict was elected and chosene clerk to this present meeting and actings thairin by consent of the principall and haill regents.

" The qlk day the colledge being fullie conveened and divided in four nationes, the hie classe in the name of the natione of Buchane, the thrid classe in the name of the natione Marre, the second classe in the name of the natione of Angus, and the first classe in the name of the natione of Murray, did with ane uniforme voice choose and nominat mr Alexander Pattoune, mr Robert Thomsone, mr Duncane Liddell, and Andrew Thomsone, to bee procurators for electing of ane Rector.

" The said day the principall, masters of the college and procurators abouenamit did elect, nominat, and choose master Arthoure Rose, minister at Old Deare, to be Rector of the said colledge, by whose advice and concurrence the affaires of the said colledge are to be regulat.

<sup>1</sup> The Charter enjoins an annual election on 1st March. (Vol. I., p. 57.)

" Att Aberdeene the nynteint day of October, 1664.

" The said day the principall, regents of the colledge and procurators abouenamit being present, mr Arthoure Rose, Rector abouelected, did accept to be Rector of the said colledge and gave his oathe de fideli administratione thruntil, qlk was administrat to him bee doctor Leslie principall.

" Mr Georg Meldrum min<sup>r</sup>. of Abd. beeing desired to bee present this day for election of ane Deane of Facultie by severall of the masters of the college shifted to come and beeing desired this day by mr Wm. Patersone one of the mrs. personallie at his chamber did not come. In respect q<sup>r</sup> of doctor Leslie principall went to the dwellinghous of David Gregorie wher the sd. mr. George his chamber is and becaus hee could not finde him took instruments that hee requyred the said mr George to be present for the effect for-said.

" The said day the principall, regents of the colledge, Rector, and procurators abouenamit did proceid to the electione of ane Deane of Faculty, who did elect nominat and choose doctor Lues Gordone, doctor of phisicke, to bee Deane of Facultie.

" Att Abd. the twentie twa day of October, 1664.

" The said day in presence of the principall, masters of the colledge, Rector and procurators abouenamit doctor Lues Gordone, deane of facultie abouelected did accept to be deane of facultie in the said colledge, gave his oath de fideli administratione thairintill, qlk was administrat to him bee the said doctor James Leslie principall."

1665. John Milne ; Robert Thomsonsone, advocate, D. of F.

Election on 1st March, and so henceforth. Rectorial Court on 1st August, to consider the "heterodox and profane" theses of Patrick Strachan, regent, *q.v., infra.*

1666-72 : no record.

1673. George Meldrum, minister of Aberdeen.

Assessors<sup>1</sup>: Professor John Menzies, David Lyell, and Patrick Sibbald, ministers of Aberdeen. "Ane list of grave pious and learned men" was presented to the procurators to choose from. Court on 1st April, anent lands and march stones of College ; and on 4th May, anent "sacred lessons" by the regents.

1674. George Meldrum.

Assessors: George Skein of Fintray, Charles Dune, George Wilsone of Finzeauche, James Milne, burgess.

1675-78 : no record in Minute book. According to Wodrow (*Analecta*, I., 176) Meldrum was Rector ten times. He had been a Regent (p. 36), and was afterwards Professor of Divinity in Edinburgh and Minister of the Tron Kirk.

<sup>1</sup> See Vol. I., p. 75.

1677. Robert Bruce, D. of F.  
Professor Thomas Gordon's MS. *Collections*.
1679. Patrick Sibbald, minister of Aberdeen ; Robert Spence, prebendar of Deir, D. of F.  
Assessors : George Meldrum, late Rector ; John Cockburne, minister of Udny ; John Ross, minister of Foveran ; George Pattoune of Grandhome.
1680. Patrick Sibbald ; Robert Spence, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year. Court on 24th May, anent students' chambers and church attendance.
1681. Patrick Sibbald ; Robert Spence, D. of F.  
Assessors : George Meldrum, John Ross, George Pattoune, William Blare, minister of Aberdeen. John Cockburne is "eased of that trowble".
1682. Patrick Sibbald ; Lewis Gordon, M.D., D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.  
1683 : no record.
1684. Patrick Sibbald.  
The minute of election is not preserved, but on 15th May a Court grants Mr. Thomas Burnet, Regent, leave to study at Leyden during the vacation. Sibbald becomes Professor of Divinity during this year (p. 51).<sup>1</sup> Portrait in possession of University.
1685. Patrick Sibbald ; Dr. George Garden, minister at Aberdeen, D. of F.  
Assessors : as in the "preceeding yeir, only in place of Mr. George Meldrume they nominat and elected Mr. John Keith, minister of the Gospell in Old Abd.".
1686. Patrick Sibbald ; Dr. George Garden, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.  
1687 : no record.
1688. Dr. William Blair, parson of Saint Nicholas ; John Forbes, parson of Kincardynoneill, D. of F.  
Assessors : Dr. John Rosse, minister at Foverane ; John Pattoune, minister at Insch ; Alexander Gray, minister at Foott of Die ; Andrew Thomsone, commissioner depute of Aberdeen ; George Keith of Creichie, advocate.
1689. Dr. William Blair ; John Forbes, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.
1690. Dr. William Blair ; John Forbes, D. of F.  
Assessors : John Pattoune, Alexander Gray, Andrew Thomsone, George Keith, Alexander Milne, minister at Udny.  
1691-1713 : no record.

<sup>1</sup> See the prohibition in the Foundation Charter, Vol. I., p. 52.

1714. The laird of Meldrum [John Urquhart]; Alexander Thomson of Portlethen, D. of F.

Assessors : Peter Bannerman, brother to the laird of Elsick ; John Gordon physician in Aberdeen; George Keith, advocate in Aberdeen ; William Gellie, late Dean of Guild. The minute bears that "many difficulties have interrupted" the election "for some years past". Court on 20th November suspended Mr. George Keith from his office of regent "untill his offences be more fully enquired into".

1715-19 : no record.

1720. Sir William Forbes of Craigievar ; Alexander Thomson, D. of F.

Assessors : William Gellie and Thomas Mitchell, baillies in Aberdeen ; Colin Campbell [father of Principal George C.] and John Osburne [Principal, 1728], ministers there.

1721. Sir William Forbes ; Alexander Thomson, D. of F.

Assessors : as last year.

1722. Sir William Forbes.

No minute of election.

1723. Thomas Forbes, younger of Eight [Echt]; Alexander Thomson of Portlethen, D. of F.

"The sd. day Mr. Thomas Blackwel, Principal ; Dr. Matthew McKaile, Professor of Medicine ; Mr. Patrick Hardie, Mr. David Verner, Mr. George Turnbull, Professors of Philosophy, and Mr. George Cruden, Professor of Greek, in the sd. College, being met in faculty and duly constitute, taking into consideration that by the death of the Honourable Sr. William Forbes of Craigievar, the office of Rector in the sd. College is now vaccant, did therefore, according to the power granted to them by the Foundation, cause the whole students of the College divide themselves into the four Nations of Mar, Buchan, Murray, and Angus, and those of the Nation of Marr did choose Mr. Laurence Selkirk, Tutor to Mr. Forbes of Eight his children, those of the Nation of Buchan Mr. John Rose, student of Divinity, those of Murray Mr. Alexander Irvine, student of Divinity, and those of Angus Mr. Robert Farquhar, student of Divinity, their Procurators ; who afterwards did nominate and elect unanimously the Honourable Thomas Forbes, younger of Eight, Rector, and Mr. Patrick Duff of Iden, Mr. William Gellie, late Ballie of Aberdeen, the Reverend Mr. Colin Campbell, and Mr. John Oseburn, Ministers of the Gospel in Aberdeen, Assessors. And the sd. Rector being at his house in the country, the sd. Principal and Masters, together with Mr. John Oseburn, Minister of Aberdeen, did in the presence of the above named Procurators unanimously nominate and choose Mr. Alexr. Thomson of Portlethen as Dean of Faculty for the ensuing year and ordered that the election of the above named Rector be forthwith notified to him." (First entry in new *Rectorial Minute Book* : signed by the Principal, professors, procurators, and

Mr. Osborn [sic].) The Rector, Dean of Faculty, and Gellie, Campbell, and Osborn accept office on 6th March.

1724. Thomas Forbes ; Alexander Thomson, D. of F.

Assessors : as last year. "Resolved" by the Principal and Masters, and "intimated to all the students regularly concerned," who acquiesce. The minute is not signed.

1725. Thomas Forbes ; Alexander Thomson, D. of F.

Assessors : John Moir, late baillie ; John Gordon, late Dean of Guild ; James Innes, minister at Banff, and William Abercromby, Minister at Skene. The Masters quarrel and choose Professor McKail chairman instead of the Principal, who dissents. A leet of gentlemen is submitted to the Procurators "according to the former practice of the Colledge". Rectorial Courts are held on 23rd, 24th, 25th March, and 7th April, to consider the disputes between the Principal and Masters.

1726. Patrick Duff of Premnay ; Alexander Thomson, D. of F.

Assessors : John Osborn, Minister of the Gospel ; Alexander Thomson, Advocate ; John Moir, late Baillie, and Alexander Robertson, Merchant. The Principal and Masters approve. Entries relative to a leet, or to subsequent confirmation, occur in the minutes down to the year 1822.

1727. Patrick Duff ; Alexander Thomson, D. of F.

Minute of election in Charter Chest ("Rectors," 7). Assessors : as last year. 1st Sept., Rectorial Court anent appointment to Chair of Mathematics.

1728. Patrick Duff, *Lord* Rector ; James Thomson of Portlethen, D. of F.

Assessors : as last year. Rectorial Court on 17th June directs preparation of an inventory of all papers in the charter chest.

1729. William Duff of Braco.

[Earl Fife, 1759.] D. of F. not recorded. Assessors : Alexander Thomson, Alexander Robertson, Rev. John Bisset, John Milne, master of the Grammar School.

1730-31 : no record.

1732. Sir Alexander Ramsay of Balmain<sup>1</sup> ; James Thomson, D. of F.

Assessors : Alexander Thomson, Rev. John Bisset, Rev. James Ogilvie, Dr. James Donaldson.

1733-36 : no record.

1737. George Skeen of Skeen ; James Thomson, D. of F.

Assessors : Alexander Thomson, Alexander Ramsay, William Cruickshank, late provost ; William Abercromby, minister at Skene. Many meetings of Rectorial Court, 1737-38, anent case of Regent William Duff, *infra*. Henceforward no Rectorial Court is summoned till 1825.

<sup>1</sup> See Vol. I., p. 414.

1738. George Skeen ; James Thomson, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Alexander Thomson, Alexander Ramsay, William Cruickshank, John Burnet, merchant [of Elrick].
1739. George Skene ; James Thomson, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Alexander Thomson, William Cruickshank, Alexander Robertson, William Fordyce, bailie [of Achorties].
1740. George Skene ; James Thomson, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Alexander Thomson, Alexander Robertson, James Morison, merchant [aftds. of Elsick, lord prov.]; James Catanach, advocate.
1741. George Skene ; James Thomson, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Alexander Thomson, Alexander Robertson, Lord provost ; James Catañach, John Forbes of Alford.
1742. George Skene ; James Thomson, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Alexander Thomson, James Catanach, John Forbes, Sir Alexander Forbes, bart.
1743. George Skene ; James Thomson, D. of F.  
 Assessors : as last year.
1744. George Skene ; James Thomson, D. of F.  
 Assessors : as last year.
1745. George Skene ; James Thomson, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Alexander Thomson, John Forbes, Sir Alexander Forbes, Alexander Robertson, late provost.
- 1746-60: no record.
1761. Sir Arthur Forbes of Craigievar, fourth bart. ; John Stewart, Professor of Mathematics, D. of F.<sup>1</sup>  
 Assessors : Rev. Thomas Forbes, minister of Aberdeen ; Dr. James Donaldson, George Turner, advocate ; John Gordon of Craig, advocate.
1762. Sir Arthur Forbes ; Professor John Stewart, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Rev. Thomas Forbes, George Turner, John Gordon, John Duncan, late provost.
1763. Sir Arthur Forbes ; Professor John Stewart, D. of F.  
 Assessors : as last year.
1764. John Gray ; Professor John Stewart, D. of F.  
 Assessors : as last year. Hitherto the Rector had lived in Aberdeen or its vicinity. Mr. Gray was resident in London. In 1768 he founded two mathematical bursaries. Vol. I., p. 440.
1765. John Gray ; Professor John Stewart, D. of F.  
 Assessors : as last year. Rector made LL.D.
1766. John Gray ; Professor John Stewart, D. of F.  
 Assessors : as last year.

<sup>1</sup> In despite of the prohibition of the Foundation Charter. Vol. I., p. 52.

1767. John Gray ; Dr. David Skene, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.
1768. John Gray ; Dr. David Skene, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.
1769. John Gray ; Dr. David Skene, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.
1770. Alexander Fordyce of Colpna ; Dr. David Skene, D. of F.  
Assessors : George Moir of Scotstown ; Patrick Wilson, Aberdeen ; Professor William Thom, King's College ; James Ligertwood of Tilleray.
1771. Alexander Fordyce ; Professor William Thom, D. of F.  
Assessors : George Moir, Patrick Wilson, James Ligertwood, William Fraser of Fraserfield [Balgownie].  
1772-81 : no record of elections.  
“According to Dr. Hamilton, 1825, none took place, it being regarded as a thing of no consequence.” (Knight.)
1782. Cosmo Gordon of Cluny, one of the Barons of H.M. Exchequer in Scotland ; George Moir of Scotstown, D. of F.  
Assessors : Professor Alexander Gerard, King's College ; Dr. Thomas Livingstone, Aberdeen ; Provost Shand, John Burnet of Crichtie. For the first time a notice of election in *Aberdeen Journal* of 4th March.
1783. Cosmo Gordon ; George Moir, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.  
1784-85 : no record.  
“Dr. Hamilton thinks the same continued.” (Knight.)
1786. Cosmo Gordon ; James Mercer, late major, D. of F.  
Assessors : Provost William Cruden, George Moir of Scotstown, Andrew Robertson of Foveran, Professor John Ross, King's College.
1787. Cosmo Gordon ; James Mercer, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.
1788. Francis Garden of Gardenstown, Senator of the College of Justice ; George Moir of Scotstown, D. of F.  
Assessors : Professor John Ross, Provost John Abercrombie, Dr. George Skene, Aberdeen ; Rev. Duncan Shaw, Aberdeen. A portrait of the Rector is preserved in the College.
1789. Francis Garden ; George Moir, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.
1790. Sir William Fordyce, Physician in London ; James Mercer, D. of F.  
Assessors : Dr. Alexander Bannerman of Kirkhill, John Dingwall of Ranniestone, Alexander Irvine of Drum, Baillie John Copland, merchant in Aberdeen. Sir W. Fordyce bequeathed his medical library to the College, and founded

- the Lectureship on Agriculture. Vol. I., p. 452. A portrait, by Angelica Kauffmann, and a bust are preserved in the College.
1791. Sir William Fordyce ; James Mercer, D. of F.  
Assessors: as last year.
1792. Sir William Forbes of Pitsligo, 6th bart. ; Alexander Irvine of Drum, D. of F.  
Assessors: William Forbes Leith of Whitehaugh, George Auldjo of Portlethen, provost ; William Young [of Sheddocksley], late provost ; Rev. Duncan Shaw.
1793. Sir William Forbes ; Alexander Irvine, D. of F.  
Assessors: as last year.
1794. James Ferguson of Pitfour, M.P. for Aberdeenshire ; Alexander Burnet of Strachan, sheriff-depute of Kincardineshire, D. of F.  
Assessors: John Burnet of Elric, Andrew Robertson of Foveran, John Abercrombie, provost ; Rev. James Sherriffs, Aberdeen.
1795. James Ferguson ; Alexander Burnet, D. of F.  
Assessors: as last year.
1796. Alexander Allardyce of Dunnottar, M.P. for this district of boroughs ; Rev. Dr. George Campbell, late Principal, D. of F.  
Assessors: George Moir, provost ; Arthur Dingwall Fordyce of Culsh, Robert Turner of Menie, Rev. Dr. George Gordon, Aberdeen.
1797. Alexander Allardyce ; Alexander Burnet of Strachan, D. of F.  
Assessors: as last year.
1798. Sir Alexander Ramsay Irvine of Balmain, bart. ; Alexander Burnet, D. of F.  
Assessors: Thomas Leys, provost ; Rev. Dr. John Glennie, minister of Maryculter ; John Niven of Thorntown, Alexander Young, merchant, Aberdeen. Sir A. R. Irvine was a benefactor. Vol. I., p. 473.
1799. Sir Alexander Ramsay Irvine ; Alexander Burnet, D. of F.  
Assessors: as last year.
1800. Sir William Forbes of Craigievar, 5th bart. ; William Forbes Leith of Whitehaugh.  
Assessors: John Dingwall [of Rannes and Ardo], provost ; John Burnet of Elrick, John Forbes of Ladysford, Rev. John Rose, minister of Udny.
1801. Sir William Forbes ; William Forbes Leith, D. of F.  
Assessors: as last year.
1802. Alexander Baxter of Glassel ; Alexander Irvine of Drum, D. of F.

- Assessors : James Hadden, provost ; John Gordon of Craigmile, Andrew Thomson of Banchory, John Douglass of Tilquhilly.
1803. Alexander Baxter ; Alexander Irvine, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year. Rector made LL.D.
1804. Alexander Baxter ; Sir Robert Burnet of Leys, 7th bart., D. of F.  
Assessors : John Gordon Cumming of Pitlurg, Peter Gordon of Abergeldie, John Gordon of Nethermuir, John Dingwall of Ardo.
1805. Alexander Baxter ; Sir Robert Burnet, D. of F.  
Assessors ; John Gordon of Craigmile, John Burnet of Elrick, James Urquhart of Meldrum, Thomas Leys of Glasgowforest.
1806. Alexander Baxter ; Sir Robert Burnet, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.
1807. Alexander Baxter ; Alexander Irvine, younger of Drum, D. of F.  
Assessors : Alexander Brebner of Lairny, John Henderson of Caskieben, John Forbes of Ladysford, Rev. James Ross, Aberdeen.
1808. Alexander Baxter ; Alexander Forbes Irvine of Shivas, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.
- 1808, June 17. Sir William Grant, Master of the Rolls.  
On the death of Alexander Baxter. Elected by the Faculty, "without the concurrence of the students".
1809. Sir William Grant ; Alexander Forbes Irvine, D. of F.  
Assessors : George Moir of Raeden, Rev. Dr. Shirreffs, Aberdeen ; Dr. Calder of Paddington [bequeathed collection of coins to Mar. Coll.], Alexander Mitchell.
1810. Sir William Grant ; Alexander Forbes Irvine, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.
1811. Sir William Grant ; Alexander Forbes Irvine, D. of F.  
Assessors : Dr. Calder, James Hadden, Rev. John Rose, Aberdeen ; Dr. William Ruddiman, London. [M.D., 1791. See Vol. I., p. 459.]
1812. Sir William Grant ; Alexander Forbes Irvine, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.
1813. Sir William Grant ; Alexander Forbes Irvine, D. of F.  
Assessors : Dr. Calder, Dr. Wm. Ruddiman, James Young, provost ; Alexander Mitchell, Stonehaven.
1814. Charles Forbes of Auchmedden, M.P. ; George Douglas, sheriff depute of Kincardine, D. of F.  
Assessors : Dr. Calder, Dr. Wm. Ruddiman, James Hadden, Rev. George Forbes [of Blelack], Strathdon.
1815. Charles Forbes ; George Douglas, D. of F.  
Assessors : as last year.

1816. Charles Forbes ; George Douglas, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Dr. Wm. Ruddiman, Rev. George Forbes, Alexander Fraser, provost ; Sir Alexander Leith, younger of Freefield.
1817. Charles Forbes ; George Douglas, D. of F.  
 Assessors : as last year.
1818. Charles Forbes ; George Douglas, D. of F.  
 Assessors ; Dr. Wm. Ruddiman, Rev. George Forbes, Sir Alexander Leith, K.C.B., Sir Robert Burnett, of Leys, bart.
1819. Sir George Abercromby, 4th bart., of Forglen and Birkenbog ;  
 Hugh Lumsden of Pitcaple, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Dr. William Ruddiman, Alexander Brebner of Lairney, provost ; David McDowall Grant of Arndilly, Alexander Gordon of Newton.
1820. James, 4th Earl Fife ; Hugh Lumsden, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Dr. William Ruddiman, Alexander Brebner, David McDowall Grant, Patrick Milne of Crimondmogate.
1821. James, Earl Fife ; Hugh Lumsden, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Dr. William Ruddiman, David McDowall Grant, Gavin Hadden, provost ; Thomas Gordon of Park.
1822. Charles Forbes of Auchmedden ; Hugh Lumsden, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Dr. William Ruddiman, Gavin Hadden, Hugh Gordon of Manar, Rev. Dr. George Forbes, Strathdon.
1823. James, Earl Fife ; Hugh Lumsden, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Dr. William Ruddiman, Hugh Gordon, Rev. Dr. George Forbes, Alexander Brown, provost. In the minute for the first time are left out the words, "which election the Principal and Professors did ratify and approve". The entry simply bears that the procurators elected Earl Fife, but, according to Professor Knight, one of the nations, Mar (procurator, Alexander Henderson), chose Joseph Hume, M.P. The Rector gave £50 for prize books.
1824. Joseph Hume, M.P. ; Hugh Lumsden, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Alexander Brown, Thomas Gordon of Cairness, Alexander Bannerman, Aberdeen ; Robert Abercromby, Aberdeen. Professors Davidson and Hamilton protest. "Many letters abusing the College in the Aberdeen Chronicle" (Knight). See *Letter to the students of Marischal College on the subject of the approaching election*, Aberd., 1824. Hume was M.D. of 1799.
1825. Joseph Hume, M.P. ; Hugh Lumsden, D. of F.  
 Assessors : as last year. On 14th November the Rector held a Court (the first since 1738), summoned by public advertisement, to enquire into "irregularities and abuses . . . in some departments of the College, prejudicial to the interests of the students". See *Full and correct report of proceedings*, Aberd., 1825 ; *Account of proceedings of committee of graduates*, Aberd., 1826.

1826. Sir James McGrigor, M.D., Director Général of the Army Medical Department; Alexander Thomson of Banchory, D. of F.

Assessors: Thomas Gordon, Alexander Bannerman, Robert Abercrombie, Major Andrew Leith Hay [aftds. K.H., M.P.]. Two nations, Buchan and Moray, voted, through their procurators, for Sir James McGrigor, Mar for Joseph Hume, Angus for Viscount Arbuthnot. The Rector held a court on 31st July. See *Report of proceedings*, Aberd., 1826; *Northern Iris*, Aberd., 1826, pp. 66, 181; "The two great northern Universities" in *Tait's Magazine* for May, 1833.

1827. Sir James McGrigor; Duncan Davidson of Tillychety, D. of F.

Assessors: Alexander Bannerman, Alexander Brown, lord provost; John Gordon of Craigmile, Alexander Crombie of Phesdo. Mar voted for Joseph Hume. "The most tumultuous election, chiefly from a party of divinity students. See the investigation, in the Minute Book, on two of them, John and Daniel Mackenzie, who attempted to force their way violently into the Hall before the election was over" (Knight). A portrait of Sir James McGrigor by Dyce, subscribed for by the students of 1826-27, and now in the possession of the University, is reproduced in this volume.

1828. Joseph Hume; Duncan Davidson, D. of F.

Assessors: Alexander Bannerman, Alexander Brown, Thomas Bannerman, merchant; Major Leith Hay, younger of Rannes. Angus voted for Sir James McGrigor. Portrait of Hume in possession of University.

1829. Duncan Davidson, D. of F.

Assessors: Alexander Bannerman, Thomas Gordon of Cairness, Thomas Burnett, advocate, Aberdeen; John Thurburn of Murtle. No Rector. Mar and Buchan voted for Sir James McGrigor, Angus and Moray for Joseph Hume. There being no precedent or rule in the Charter, the whole case was referred to the Commissioners of Visitation then sitting. (*Evidence*, Vol. IV., pp. 298-301.) The Commissioners recommended a new election, but declined to grant a warrant for holding this on any day other than March 1. On the advice of the Chancellor no new election was held. (*Coll. Minutes*, Sept. 7, Nov. 7, Dec. 25.) The election proceedings of 1829 were very disorderly. "During nearly an hour amid great clamour and noises of various kinds, short speeches were made by different students. . . . An attempt was made by a considerable number of the students to force their way into the hall where the Senatus were sitting; which attempt was repelled by the Professors." (*Minutes*.) Hume claimed the right as Rector of the preceding year to have a casting vote, which he proposed to give to his opponent, but the Senatus unanimously disallowed this. See also *Letters addressed to the students of Marischal College*, by Joseph Hume, M.P., Aberd., 1829.

1830. Sir Charles Forbes, bart.; Duncan Davidson, D. of F.

Assessors: Gavin Hadden, lord provost; Charles Bannerman of Crimond

mogate, Alexander Crombie of Phesdo, Basil Fisher of Devanha. Moray voted for Sir Walter Scott.

1831. William, 17th Earl of Erroll ; Duncan Davidson, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Basil Fisher, James Hadden, lord provost ; Thomas Gordon of Cairness, Thomas Burnett, advocate. " Election quiet. Hume's party again bring forward Sir Walter Scott, in order to divide, but it was a failure, not one nation voting for Joseph " (Knight). " Dec. 10, Dean of Faculty has a duel with Anderson of Candacraig. Damage o " (Knight).
1832. Sir Michael Bruce of Stenhouse, bart.; Duncan Davidson, D. of F.  
 Assessors: Basil Fisher, James Hadden, Alexander Bannerman, James Blaikie, advocate, Aberdeen. Moray voted for Sir James *McIntosh* [sic in Rectorial Minutes, but *McGrigor* according to Knight]. " Hume not even proposed as a candidate."
1833. Sir Charles Forbes of Newe and Edinglassie, bart.; Duncan Davidson, D. of F.  
 Assessors, by a majority : Gavin Hadden, lord provost ; Alexander Bannerman, M.P. ; Rev. Dr. George Forbes of Blelack, Patrick Davidson, advocate. Moray voted for Francis Jeffrey, lord advocate.
1834. Alexander Bannerman, M.P. ; James Blaikie, lord provost, D. of F.  
 Assessors : James Blaikie, Thomas Bannerman, Dean of Guild ; Benjamin Williamson, surgeon ; Robert Abercrombie, merchant. The procurators claimed to be allowed to vote in the election of Dean of Faculty, but this was disallowed. Professor Knight protested against the elections on this occasion for reasons which are entered at length.
1835. John Abercrombie, M.D., Edinburgh ; James Blaikie, D. of F.  
 Assessors: James Blaikie, Basil Fisher of Devanha, James Andrew Sandilands of Cruives, Alexander Jopp, advocate. Mar voted for Alexander Bannerman. Professor Knight again protests. Dr. Abercrombie's Rectorial Address, delivered November 5, on *The Culture and Discipline of the Mind*, has been frequently reprinted. " The noise very moderate. Next day he gave a dinner to sixty in the Rooms, and afterwards £50 for prizes. On the 8th the Principal and professors accompanied him twice to the College Gallery in the Greyfriars " (Knight). See *Letter to the students of Marischal College on the election of Lord Rector, Aberd., 1835.* Dr. Abercrombie was M.A. of 1798.
1836. John Abercrombie ; James Blaikie, D. of F.  
 Assessors: James Blaikie, Alexander Webster, advocate ; Middleton Rettie, merchant ; James Harper, baillie.
1837. John, Lord Lyndhurst ; Alexander Bannerman, M.P., D. of F.  
 Assessors : Hon. William Gordon, M.P. ; James Hadden of Persley, Major General [the Hon.] Hugh Arbuthnott, M.P. ; Henry Lumsden of Tilwhilly. Mar voted for John Abercrombie, M.D., and Moray for John C. Colquhoun of Killermont.

1838. Henry, Lord Brougham and Vaux ; Alexander Bannerman, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Alexander Crombie of Phesdo, LL.D. ; John Abercrombie, M.D. ; John Gerard of Midstrath, Major Cumming Bruce of Roseisle. Buchan voted for Lord Lyndhurst, and Moray for John C. Colquhoun. 108 students protest and appeal to the Chancellor, who declines to interfere.
1839. John Campbell Colquhoun of Killermont ; Alexander Bannerman, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Sir George Sinclair of Ulbster, James Hadden of Persley, Hon. William Gordon, M.P. ; Hugh Lumsden of Pitcaple. The Rectorial address, delivered November 27, was printed in Glasgow.
1840. Sir George Sinclair of Ulbster, bart. ; Alexander Bannerman, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Hon. William Gordon, M.P. ; Sir William Seton of Pitmedden, Hugh Lumsden of Pitcaple, Thomas Blaikie, lord provost.
1841. Sir James McGrigor, bart. ; Alexander Bannerman, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Thomas Blaikie, Alexander Ewing, M.D. ; Alexander Thomson of Banchory, Sir Robert Abercromby of Forglen, 5th bart. Moray voted for the Hon. Fox Maule.
1842. Sir John Herschel ; Alexander Bannerman, D. of F.  
 Assessors : George Dempster of Skibo, James Gordon of Craig, Hon. William Gordon, M.P. ; Robert Simpson of Cobairdy. Mar voted for Sir Jas. McGrigor, Moray for the Hon. Fox Maule. Angry protests against the action of Professors Brown and Lizars, who, when the vote in the Angus Nation was stated to be 17 to 16 in favour of the procurator representing Sir John Herschel, proffered their votes on the side of the minority, although it never was "the custom for professors to vote at the Rectorial elections, the only exception being that of one professor who had given in his suffrage once or twice several years ago".
1843. John, 2nd Marquis of Breadalbane ; Alexander Bannerman, D. of F.  
 Assessors : Lord Haddo, Sir William Seton, bart. ; Andrew Rutherford, advocate ; Alexander Thomson of Banchory. Buchan voted for Sir James McGrigor.
1844. Alexander Bannerman, D. of F.  
 Assessors : not mentioned, as the meeting "unanimously find there is no election" of Rector. Mar and Angus voted for the Marquis of Breadalbane, Buchan and Moray for the Marquis of Bute.
1845. Archibald Alison ; Alexander Bannerman, D. of F.  
 Assessors : John Farquharson of Haughton, Thomas Blaikie, lord provost ; Thomas Abercrombie Duff of Haddo, William P. Alison, M.D., Edinburgh. The Rector was made LL.D.

1846. Archibald Alison ; Alexander Bannerman, D. of F.  
 Assessors: John Farquharson, Thomas Blaikie, Alexander Thomson of Banchory, Captain Fordyce of Brucklay.
1847. Alexander Bannerman, D. of F.  
 Assessors: as last year. No Rector elected, Mar and Buchan voting for the Earl of Rosse, Angus and Moray for Thomas Babington Macaulay. The meeting resolved to enquire whether the late Rector has a casting vote.
1848. Patrick Robertson, Lord Robertson ; Sir Michael Bruce, bart., D. of F.  
 Assessors : Alexander Thomson, George Thompson, lord provost ; Alexander Forbes of Blackford, C. G. Robertson, sheriff substitute of Kincardine. The Rector was made LL.D. The Rectorial address was printed at Aberdeen, 1848. See also "A chapter showing how Lord P—— became our rector," by P. C. B[eaton] in *Fraser's Magazine* for July, 1863.
1849. John Thomson Gordon, sheriff depute of Edinburgh ; Sir Michael Bruce, D. of F.  
 Assessors: Alexander Forbes, Lord James Hay, Alexander Dingwall Fordyce, M.P.; William Watson, sheriff-substitute of Aberdeen. Buchan voted for Lord Robertson. Charles Dickens had been asked to allow himself to be nominated, and his reply has been preserved.

"BRIGHTON, Tuesday Evening, 20th February, 1849.

"SIR,—I beg to assure you that I am very sensible of the feeling which has induced you to propose me as a candidate for the Lord Rectorship of your College, and that I feel much beholden to you for that mark of your regard and consideration.

"But, in reply to your note in which you do me the favour to ask my consent to this nomination, I am constrained to say, without any reservation whatever, that I do not aspire to the high honour in question, and that I must entreat you to withdraw my name at my express desire. I take the earliest opportunity in my power of making this communication to you; but my absence from town for a week past, and my absence from this place during this day, have combined to prevent my answering your letter sooner. It was forwarded here this morning. I am, Sir, yours faithfully and obliged,

"CHARLES DICKENS."

The Rectorial Address, delivered 23rd March, was printed at Aberdeen in 1849, as also an Address, delivered 8th November, at the opening of session 1849-50.

1850. John Thomson Gordon ; Sir Michael Bruce, D. of F.  
 Assessors: Alexander Forbes, Alexander Dingwall Fordyce, William Watson, George Thompson, lord provost. Thomas Carlyle had been asked to allow himself to be nominated. His characteristic reply has been preserved.

“ 5 CHEYNE Row, CHELSEA,  
“ LONDON, 22 feby, 1850.

“ GENTLEMEN,—Your announcement very much surprised me, not surely in an unpleasant way, and I beg in the meantime to thank you very cordially, you and my other young Friends in Aberdeen, for the honour you are doing me. The election to a merely formal office, I suppose, may go in this way or that, without momentous consequences; but the fact that ingenuous young souls in your University, in poor old Scotland far away, are loyally disposed to me, and willing to testify that feeling by such methods as they have—this is already a possession, of a valuable and to me almost of an affecting nature, which I shall not have to part with. With the election itself I must not in the least interfere, for or against. In respect of personally visiting Aberdeen, too, I am constrained to say that travelling is at all times very untowardly to me, and that at present there are some special causes rather detaining me here;—on the whole, that if there be no real duty, but only a formal or ceremonial one, to be done in Aberdeen, I had much better not come, but that if there do appear some real fraction of duty to be done, in the event of my election, I will certainly make an effort to come. More I cannot say at present. And so with many thanks and kind regards, I remain, Gentlemen, your most obedt

“ T. CARLYLE.

“ To Messrs. Thomson & Harper, Divinity Students, etc.”

Fifteen years later Carlyle was elected Rector of his own university of Edinburgh.

- 1851. Archibald, 13th Earl of Eglinton ; Sir Michael Bruce, D. of F.  
Assessors : Alexander Forbes, John Cowan, sheriff of Kincardine ; George Henry, lord provost ; Alexander Currie, sheriff of Banff. The Rectorial Address, delivered 23rd March, was printed at Aberdeen, 1851. Tennyson had been asked to allow himself to be nominated, but declined.
- 1852. Archibald, Earl of Eglinton ; Alexander Thomson of Banchory, D. of F.  
Assessors : George Henry, Alexander Currie, William Watson, Sir Michael Bruce, bart. Lord Eglinton was chosen Rector of Glasgow University in the same year.
- 1853. George, 7th Earl of Carlisle ; Alexander Thomson, D. of F.  
Assessors : George Henry, William Watson, George Thompson, M.P. ; Sir James Carnegie of Southesk, 6th bart. The Rector was made LL.D., 30th March. The Rectorial Address, delivered 31st March, was printed at Aberdeen, 1853.
- 1854. Colonel W. H. Sykes, M.P. ; Alexander Thomson, D. of F.  
Assessors : Alexander Innes of Cowie, Thomas Blaikie, lord provost ; Archibald Davidson, sheriff depute of Aberdeen ; Robert Grant of Tillyfour. Moray

voted for the Earl of Carlisle. The Rectorial Address, delivered 30th March, was printed at Aberdeen, 1854.

1855. Austin Henry Layard, M.P.; Alexander Thomson, D. of F.  
Assessors: Thomas Blaikie, Sir John Ogilvy, bart., of Baldovan, Alexander Innes of Cowie, Sir James Carnegie. Angus voted for Colonel Sykes.
1856. Austin Henry Layard; Sir John Forbes, physician to the Queen's household, D. of F.  
Assessors: Sir Thomas Blaikie, Sir John Ogilvy, William Stirling of Keir, M.P.; Provost Gray of Peterhead. The Rector was made LL.D. on 21st March.
1857. Sir John Forbes, D. of F.  
Assessors: Sir John Ogilvie, William Stirling, John Webster, lord provost; Alexander Kilgour, M.D., Aberdeen. No Rector elected, Mar and Buchan voting for A. H. Layard, Angus and Moray for James, 8th Earl of Elgin.
1858. Philip, 5th Earl Stanhope; Alexander Thomson, D. of F.  
Assessors: William Stirling, John Webster, Alexander Kilgour, James Dyce Nicol of Ballogie. Moray voted for M. E. Grant Duff, younger of Eden (Rector of Aberdeen University, 1866-72). Alexander Thomson was elected by a majority of ten votes to four for Alexander Henderson of Caskieben [founded chair of Med. Jurispr. 1857]. The Rectorial Address, delivered 25th March, was printed at Aberdeen, 1858.
1859. David, 7th Earl of Airlie; Sir Thomas Blaikie, D. of F.  
Assessors: John Webster, Alexander Kilgour, James Dyce Nicol, Rev. James Fraser, Aberdeen. Thackeray and Carlyle were nominated for the Rectorship. At the election for D. of F., Alexander Thomson was proposed, and being present claimed a right not only to vote for himself, but to act as chairman of the meeting, and to declare himself elected. This claim was afterwards withdrawn. The Rectorial Address, delivered 17th March, was printed at Aberdeen, 1859.
1860. David, Earl of Airlie; Alexander Stronach, advocate, D. of F.  
Assessors: as last year.

## PRINCIPALS.<sup>1</sup>

### 1593. Robert Howie.

One of the ministers of Aberdeen. Witnesses the Foundation Charter (Vol. I., p. 59), and is Principal in the same year (p. 92). Had studied at King's College, at Herborn, and at Basel. Translated to be minister of Dundee, 1598; Principal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews, 1607; Commissioner for visiting the Universities of Aberdeen, 1619; demitted St. And. Principalship, 1639. Author of *De aeterna Dei praedestinacione*, Basil, 1591; also (according to *Cat. of Scot. Writ.*) of *De reconciliatione hominis cum Deo*; *De conjunctione fidelium cum Christo*; *De justificatione hominis coram Deo*. Arms on old heraldic ceiling (Vol. I., p. 118): Or, a chevron azure between three owlets sable. (Scott's *Fasti*; Wodrow's *Biog. Coll.*, ed. Lippe; Gordon's MS. *Coll.*; Aberd. Town Council *Reg.*)

### 1598. Gilbert Gray.

M.A. Edin., 1592. Had also studied at King's College, and at Heidelberg. Died 1614; buried 29th December. "An oratio funebris is pronounced upon Mr Gilbert Gray late Principal of the Marischal College, anno 1615 by one of his schollars, when he was receiving the laurea magisterialis. See this oration in manuscript. [Not now extant.] From it he appears to have been born in Aberdeen, connected by father and mother with the best burghers of the town: Alexander Rutherford, provost, his mother's brother; Alexander Cullen, provost, Mr Alexander Cullen his son, Paul Menzies, Walter Menzies, Thomas Forbes, and William Gray, being all his sister and brother bairns. . . . He was remarkably diligent and besides keeping his hours strictly, he frequently gave public lectures, where students of divinity and physic, as well as the other masters attended. The author . . . commends in highflown terms his diligence in teaching, his modesty, his wisdom, his acuteness in disputation and above all his religious turn of mind" (Gordon). Author of *Oratio funebris in memoriam Duncani Liddellii*, Edin., 1614; *Oratio de illustribus Scotiae scriptoribus*, Abred., 1623 (reprinted by Mackenzie). Arms on old ceiling: Gules, a lion rampant within a bordure engrailed or. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.* New Spald. Club *Misc.*, I.)

<sup>1</sup> For duties and method of election, see Vol. I., p. 42.

## 1616. Andrew Aedie.

On Gray's death, the Town Council suggested two names to the Earl Marischal, Patrick Sands (then a regent in Edinburgh), and Alexander Home; and the former was nominated (Vol. I., pp. 167-8), but apparently did not accept, as Aedie is styled Principal on 15th March, 1616, "recommended by the King to the Earl Marshal" (Gordon). Demitted office 1619. Author of *Pastoria in decem distributa eclogas*, Dantisc., 1610; *Tractatus de noctuambulonum ingenio*, Dantisc., 1612; *Clavis philosophiae moralis*, Oppenh., 1614. Arms on old ceiling: Argent, a mullet between three cross-crosslets fitchée gules. (Irving's *Lives*. Gordon's MS.)

## 1620. William Forbes.

D.D., St. And., and one of the ministers of Aberdeen (Vol. I., pp. 186-7). Mr. Andrew Ramsay, minister at Edinburgh, was "socht" by the Earl Marischal, but his "transplantatioun was altogidder refuissit". Forbes had been a regent, *infra*. He demitted office in 1621, was Rector in 1632, and in 1634 became first bishop of Edinburgh. Author of *Considerationes modestae*, various edns. Portrait by Jamesone in possession of University, reproduced in Wodrow's *Biog. Coll.*, ed. Lippe. Arms on old ceiling: Azure, three bear's heads couped argent. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

## 1621. Patrick Dun.

M.D., Basil. (Kennedy); "a verie famous professor in Germanie" (*Buik of Reg.*). Previously regent, *infra*, rector, *supra*; and mediciner at King's Coll. (*Off. and Grad.*, p. 35). A native of Aberdeen (son of umquhile Andrew Dun, burgess), Dun was the first lay principal. A benefactor of the College (Vol. I., p. 231, where his arms, from the ceiling, are given). Died circa 1649. Author of *Themata medica de dolore colico*, Basil., 1607; and editor of Duncan Liddell's *Ars conservandi sanitatem*, Aberd., 1651. Portrait by Jamesone in possession of Grammar School, reproduced in Vol. I. (Strachan's *Panegyricus*; Smith's *Oratio*; Gordon's MS.)

## 1649. William Moir.

Previously professor of Mathematics, *infra*, which post he was allowed to retain with the principalship, 20th June, 1649 (T. C. *Reg.*, liii., 222). Resigned both offices in 1661. "He wrote on Geometry and the mechanical part of Mathematicks" (*Cat. of Scot. Writ.*). Portrait in possession of University. Arms on ceiling: Azure, three moor's heads couped proper.

## 1661. James Leslie.

Bajan, 1636. M.D. "After his travells in France and the Low Countries, he came home to Abd., and wes called to be physitian to the toune be the Counsell thereof" (*Buik of Reg.*). Author of 'Ο Ἀστηρὶ Ορθρινὸς Ἀπολάμπτει, Aberd., 1661. Arms on ceiling: Argent, on a fess between a mullet in chief and a tulip in base vert, three buckles of the field [?]. (*Family of Leslie*, III., 409.)

## 1678, Nov. 21. Robert Paterson.

Previously regent and librarian, *infra*. The latter office, then the best paid

in the College, he continued to hold (Vol. I., p. 204). His nomination by the Earl Marischal to the principalship, vacant "throw Master James Leslie his removall from the said charge," is the first entry in the *Register of Presentations*. Children: Mr. David, Robert, Elisabeth, Margrat, Agnes, Mary, Issobell, Cathren. (*Poll Book*) Erected heraldic ceiling (Vol. I., p. 118), in which his own arms appear as: Argent, three pelicans in their piety proper; on a chief azure as many mullets of the field; a mitre azure for difference. Died 1717. Portrait in possession of University.

1717, Sept. 30. Thomas Blackwell.

D.D. Previously professor of Divinity, *infra*, and minister of Grey Friars Church, Aberdeen, which offices he retained, being the only professor not ejected by the Commission of Visitation. His appointment to the principalship was the first nomination by the Crown, the Earl Marischal forfeiting his rights of patronage with his title. Died 1728. Author of *Ratio sacra*, Edin., 1710; *Schema sacrum*, Edin., 1710; *Forma sacra*, Bost., 1774; *Methodus evangelica*, Lond., 1712. Portrait in possession of Incorporated Trades, Aberdeen, of which body he was fifth Patron. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

1728, June 8. John Osborn.

M.A., 1708; D.D. One of the ministers of Aberdeen. He retained both offices till his death on 19th Aug., 1748. Portrait by Alexander in possession of Incorporated Trades, Aberdeen, of which body he was sixth Patron. (*Reg. of Pres.*; *Scott's Fasti*.)

1748, Nov. 9. Thomas Blackwell, the younger.

M.A., 1718; LL.D., King's Coll., 1752. Previously Professor of Greek, *infra*, which office he retained. The magistrates had recommended Professor Robert Pollock to the Crown (T. C. *Reg.*, lxi., 234, 350). "Principal Blackwell brought on a consumptive habit by great abstemiousness and died at Edinburgh on his way to London, 8th March, 1757, in his 56th year. . . . His religious opinions were said to be inclined to heretical. . . . His nickname among the students 'Ratio profana'" (Knight). His widow was a benefactor (Vol. I., p. 461). Author of *Enquiry into life and writings of Homer*, Lond., 1735, etc.; *Proofs of ditto*, Lond., 1747; *Letters concerning Mythology*, Lond., 1748; *Memoirs of the court of Augustus*, Edin., 1758-63, etc. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*; Campbell Fraser's *Berkeley*, Vol. IV.)

1757, April 19. Robert Pollock.

D.D., 1753. Previously Professor of Divinity, *infra*, and minister of Grey Friars, which offices he retained. Died 1759. Had married, 1747, Elizabeth, daughter of Provost Alex. Robertson of Glasgow. Portraits of himself and his wife in possession of University.

1759, Aug. 14. George Campbell.

M.A., 1738; D.D., King's Coll., 1764. One of the ministers of Aberdeen, which office he retained until 1771, when he was appointed Professor of Divinity and minister of Grey Friars. Demitted the chair 2nd June, 1795, and the Principalship 18th Jan., 1796; died 6th Apr., 1796. Had married Grace

Farquharson: no issue. His works are well known. Portrait by Arch. Robertson, in possession of the Incorporated Trades (of which body he was tenth Patron), reproduced in the great window, Mitchell Hall, Mar. Coll., and in this volume. Copy by Sir George Reid in possession of University. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

1796, Jan. 26. William Laurence Brown.

M.A., St. And., 1772; D.D., St. And., and Utrecht. Had been appointed to the chair of Divinity and the Grey Friars charge by the Town Council, 15th June, 1795 (T. C. Reg., lxvii., 70). Previously Professor of Moral Philosophy and the Law of Nations at Utrecht, where he had been a student. Died 11th May, 1830. Married his uncle's daughter, Anne Elizabeth Brown, 29th May, 1756, with issue, William Robert, Laurence George, Catherine Mary Ann, Johanna Elizabeth (called Janet), Robert James (afterwards Prof. of Greek), Ann Elizabeth (called Nancy), John Moore, Helen Jane, George Gilbert (M.D., 1825). His numerous writings have been frequently catalogued. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.* MS. Widow's Fund Reg.)

1832, Apr. 12. Daniel Dewar.

M.A., Edin., 1815; LL.D., Glasg., 1815. Previously Professor of Moral Philosophy at King's Coll. (*Off. and Grad.*, p. 65), and Minister of Grey Friars, Aberdeen, and of Tron Church, Glasgow. The Senatus had petitioned the Crown in favour of Professor Glennie, and unanimously expressed disapproval of Dr. Dewar's appointment. Prof. of Church History, 1833, *infra*. Demitted office on the union of the Universities in 1860. Died 28th May, 1867. Had married, 17th Oct., 1821, Susan Place, with issue, Ann Gordon (m. John McCunn), Catherine Mary (m. Prof. James Clerk Maxwell), Susan Place, Edward Place, William Gordon, Donald, John. Author of sundry theological works. (Bruce's *Aberdeen Pulpit*; Widow's Fund MS. Reg.)

## REGENTS.<sup>1</sup>

### 16 ? Patrick Gray.

Not in Kennedy's list. Signs assedations to James Menzies, 4th Sept., 1601 ; and to Alexander Molleson, 14th September, 1601. (*Buik of Reg.*)<sup>2</sup> Brother of Principal Gilbert Gray. (Dedication to *Theses* of 1673, *infra*.)

### 1602.<sup>3</sup> William Forbes.

Not in Kennedy's list. Stated in Sydserf's *Life* to have been appointed Professor of Logic (*i.e.*, teacher of the Semi class) soon after his graduation in 1601, and to have taught for four sessions. Mentioned in Aberdeen Presbytery Records, 1st November, 1605 ; and in Principal Gilbert Gray's Rental of 1606. (Vol. I., p. 107.) Afterwards Principal, p. 28.

### 1603. Thomas Reid.

Not in Kennedy's list. Demits office of teacher in Grammar School on appointment as Regent, 12th October, 1603. (T. C. *Reg.*, xli., 415.) Afterwards Secretary "for the Latine tongue" to James VI., and a benefactor to the College Library. (Vol. I., p. 194.) Portrait in possession of the University is reproduced in Vol. I., and in the great window, Mitchell Hall, Mar. Coll. A detailed list of Reid's writings will be found in the present editor's notice in *Dict. Nat. Biog.* See also *Scottish N. and Q.*, IX., 145; 161.

<sup>1</sup> Three in number by the Foundation Charter (Vol. I., p. 42); a fourth was added in 1620, when the Principal ceased to teach the highest class (p. 186). Originally the regents were professors in the modern sense (p. 64), but this system was abandoned about 1642. (Cf. *Off. and Grad.*, p. 315.) It was, however, resumed in 1753, *infra*. No record of presentation to regencies is extant before 1679 : the earlier names have been collected from various sources, and the list is obviously imperfect. Kennedy gives 29 regents, "with the dates of their several admissions," from 1593 to 1676, but at least 25 of his 29 dates are wrong ! A table showing the sequence of teaching is attempted in the Appendix.

<sup>2</sup> When a name is stated to appear anywhere, what is implied is that it is mentioned as being *that of a Regent*.

<sup>3</sup> "[Andrew] Young, having graduated in Edinburgh, had gone to serve as regent in Marischal College, which was always a good School of Mathematics. . . . He came back to Edinburgh as regent in 1601." Sir Alexander Grant (*Story of the Univ. of Edinb.*, II., 293), quoting from Professor Chrystal's Inaugural Address. Dr. Chrystal writes that he cannot recall his authority for this statement. "Marischal" is probably a slip for "King's". (Cf. *Off. and Grad.*, p. 53.)

16 ? Andrew Keith.

Not in Kennedy's list. Mentioned in *Reg. Priv. Coun.*, Vol. VII., p. 677, 10th June, 1607.

16 ? Patrick Dun.

Not in Kennedy's list. Mentioned, 1610, as Professor of Logic in MS. C<sup>2</sup> 3. 70, University Library. Probably succeeded Forbes in his chair, as he afterwards (1621) did in the Principalship, p. 28.

16 ? William Gray.

Not in Kennedy's list. Signs assedation to John Leslie, 13th November, 1613. (*Buik of Reg.*) Bajan, 1605.

16 ? Peter Blackburn.

Mentioned in T. C. *Reg.*, xlvi., 487, 15th March, 1616, together with John Ross and Adam Reid. Kennedy gives Peter Blackburn, John Row, and David Reid as regents in 1593. This is manifestly a group of blunders. (Cf. Kennedy's MS. Index to the T. C. *Reg.*, s.v. "College".) Peter Blackburn, afterwards Bishop of Aberdeen, signs the Foundation Charter as a witness in 1593, and is Dean of Faculty in 1598, p. 10, but there is no proof that he acted as Regent. He died 14th June, 1616. Author (acc. to Scott's *Fasti*) of a *Treatise against James Gordon the Jesuit*. The Regent of 1616 seems to have been his son (Spald. Club *Misc.*, Vol. V., p. 140; and *Retours of Services of Heirs*, 17th July, 1616), who appears as a Semi of 1605, and died in 1619. (*Retours*, 30th November, 1619.)

16 ? Adam Reid.

*Ut supra*. Given by Kennedy under 1619, in which year he was promoted from a regency to be Minister of Methlic. He was younger brother of Secretary Reid above mentioned. (Scott's *Fasti*.) Bajan, 1609.

16 ? John Ross.

*Ut supra*; and signs appointment of a Liddell Bursar, 3rd June, 1616. (*Buik of Reg.*) Semi, 1605.

1616. John Gordon.

Not in Kennedy's list. Must have succeeded Blackburn, as (together with John Ross and Adam Reid) he signs assedation to Patrick Symmers, December, 1616. See also letter from the laird of Drum. (Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch., "Bursaries," XXIII., 1.) Mentioned (with Reid) in precept of warning against Menzies, 3rd April, 1617; and (with Reid and Massie) in decree against Menzies, 29th June, 1619. (Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch. Mass II., Nos. 42, 47.) Bajan, 1609.

16 ? George Chalmers.

"Mr. George Chalmers, Minister at Dumbennan, burges of this burght, and sumtyme one of the Ministers thairof and regent in the said College." (T. C. *Reg.*, xlix., 418, 27th October, 1619.) Kennedy, misinterpreting this entry, gives George Chalmers as regent in 1619. It is remarkable that no such name occurs in the list of incumbents of Aberdeen charges given in Scott's *Fasti*. (Cf. P. H. Chalmers' *Mem. of Information*.)

## 16 ? Andrew Massie.

Given by Kennedy as admitted in 1623, but is mentioned in decree against Menzies, 1619. Signs as "Logicæ Professor" (*i.e.*, teacher of the Semi class), two Epitaphs in the *Lachrymae sub Obitum Georgii Comitis Mariscalli*, Abred., 1623; and 6th April, 1626 (together with Ogston, Sibbald, and Wedderburn), an assedation to David Anderson. (*Buik of Reg.*) Andrew Massie is named as Oeconomus in a Burgh Court Decree of 19th February, 1622. By the Foundation Charter the Oeconomus was an official distinct from the Regents. James Forbes of Tulliboy was appointed first Oeconomus, 18th June, 1593. (*T. C. Reg.*, xxxiv., 854.) Massie and Sibbald are made burgesses, "ex gratia," 25th Oct., 1623. (*New Spald. Cl. Misc.*, I.) Bajan, 1610.

## 1619. William Ogston.

Not in Kennedy's list. Appointed in 1619, as in 1626, when he is transferred to the Semi class, it is stated that he has taught the Tertiens "thir sewin yeeris bygane". In the latter year (apparently succeeding Andrew Massie), he received a presentation to the Logic professorship, "the key of the whole College and the courss throf verie long and thairfoir requyring ane learned diligent and cairfull maister to teach the same . . . quhairin if he should be found to be deficient and after due admoni<sup>n</sup>is not amending then and in that caice the said Mr. William to be bound . . . to demit the said second class absolutelie and to tak him to the third class". (*Min. of Admission*, 25th October, 1626. *Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch. "Professorships,"* No. 1.) Designated "Philosophiae Moralis Professor" (*i.e.*, teacher of the Tertian class) on the title-page of his *Oratio Funebris in Obitum Georgii Mariscalli Comitis*, Abred., 1623; and 6th April, 1626, signs the assedation to David Anderson. Promoted to be minister of Hailes, 1635. (*Hist. of Ogston Families.*) Semi, 1605. D.D.

## 1620. James Sibbald.

M.A., 1618. Signs as "Philosophiae Naturalis Professor," an Epitaph in the *Lachrymae*, also the assedation to David Anderson, 1626. The Professor of Natural Philosophy taught the Magistrand class, and Sibbald was the first holder of the office of fourth regent, instituted 1st March, 1620, when the newly appointed Principal, William Forbes, was relieved from the duty of teaching. Kennedy gives 1619 as the date of Sibbald's appointment, but this is certainly wrong. Graduation theses maintained under his presidency are extant for the years 1623 (Abd. Univ. Libr.), 1625 (Bodl.), 1626 (Bodl.). In the last of these years he was appointed one of the Ministers of Aberdeen. B.D., King's Coll., 1627; D.D., 1628. Sibbald was one of the "Aberdeen Doctors". In addition to his graduation theses, he contributed a Sermon to Forbes' *Funerals* and wrote *Diverse Select Sermons*, printed posthumously at Aberdeen in 1658. (*Scott's Fasti*; *Forbes' Funerals*, ed. 1845.)

## 16 ? William Wedderburn.

Signs as "Graecarum Literarum Professor" (*i.e.*, teacher of the Bajan

class), verses in the *Lachrymae* and the *Theses* of 1623; also the assedation to David Anderson, 1626. Promoted from a regency to be Minister of Bethelny, not later than 1633. (Scott's *Fasti*.) He was brother of David Wedderburn, the Rector of the Grammar School (*Abd. and Bff. Coll.*, p. 60), and Alexander Wedderburn.

1626. John Seton.

M.A., 1616. Succeeded Sibbald in 1626 (Kennedy says 1636) as Professor of Natural Philosophy. As such, signs (together with Gordon, Aidie, and Ray) a Rectorial minute, 14th April, 1632 (Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch. "Rectors," 2); and (with the same three) is mentioned in a summons raised by Sir A. Irvine of Drum, 1633. Graduation theses maintained under his presidency are extant for the years 1627 (Bodl.), 1630 (Bodl.), 1631 (Abd.), 1634 (Bodl.), 1637 (Bodl.). Promoted from a regency to be Minister of Kemnay, not later than 1641. (Scott's *Fasti*.)

16 ? Hugh Gordon.

M.A., 1623. Not in Kennedy's list. Writes assedation to A. Burnet, 12th July, 1630. (*Buik of Reg.*) Signs as Professor of Logic the Rectorial minute, and is mentioned in summons *ut supra*. See also *Diary of Alexander Jaffray*, p. 15.

163 ? William Aidie.

M.A., 1625. Not in Kennedy's list. Succeeded Wedderburn. Signs as Professor of Greek the Rectorial minute; also two Epitaphs in the *Lachrymae in Obitum Wilhelmi Comitis Marischalli*, Abred., 1635. Appears as witness to a Sasine in 1644. (Burgh *Reg. of Sasines*.)

163 ? John Ray.

M.A., 1625. Given by Kennedy under year 1641; but signs as Professor of Moral Philosophy (*i.e.*, teacher of the tertian class), the Rectorial minute; also an Epitaph in the second *Lachrymae*, 1635; and a discharge of College accounts, 1st November, 1648. The Graduation theses of 1643, maintained under his presidency, are extant in the University Library; so that ere then the system of specialist professors must have been abandoned, and that of circulating regents introduced. Editor of Cicero's *Epistolarum libri IV.*, Abred., 1630, 1665. "He made an excellent funeral Oration on King Charles the Martyr." (*Cat. Scot. Writ. Spald.*, II., 142.)

163 ? William Blackhall.

M.A., 1631. Not in Kennedy's list. Signs as Professor of Logic an Epitaph in the second *Lachrymae*, 1635. Evidently succeeded Hugh Gordon. Deposed as a Catholic, 1642. (Spald., II., 102. Gordon's *Scots Aff.*, III., 129.)

16 ? James Hay.

Given by Kennedy under year 1636. But Aidie, Blackhall, Ray, and Seton were then still in office. Tertian, 1618 [?].

16 ? John Menzies.

Promoted from a regency to the chair of Divinity, *infra*, and the second

ministerial charge in Aberdeen, 1649, and to the incumbency of Greyfriars Church in the following year. Kennedy gives his name under the year 1633, but this cannot be correct, as in 1635-37 the four regencies were undoubtedly held by Aidie, Blackhall, Ray, and Seton. (Scott's *Fasti*.) Bajan, 1638 [?].

164 ? Andrew Youngson.

Given by Kennedy as admitted in 1645, but this is certainly wrong, for on 4th Oct., 1644, "Mr. Andrew Youngson, formerly a Regent in the Mar. Coll.," is elected a Regent at King's College. (*Off. and Grad.*, p. 56.) He "afterwards became a Papist and Jesuit, and a Professor at Madrid". (Knight.) He must have succeeded either Blackhall or Seton. "He wrote De Predestinatione." (*Cat. Scot. Writ.*) Bajan, 1635.

164 ? Patrick Sandilands.

M.A., King's Coll., 1643. Given by Kennedy as admitted in 1646, but the date is almost certainly wrong, for on 24th June of that year he is transferred to the Regency in King's College, vacated by Youngson. (*Off. and Grad.*) Afterwards Sub-Principal there: *Theses* of 1660 (Bodl.). (Morgan's *Woodside*, p. 159.)

164 ? Robert Forbes.

M.A., King's Coll., 1643. Given by Kennedy as admitted in 1656; but signs discharges of College accounts (together with John Ray, Robert Burnet, and James Chalmers), 1st November, 1648; and is mentioned in *Buik of Reg.* as having charge of Bajan class of 1648-49. His name appears (with those of Andrew Cant, Alexander Whyte, and George Meldrum) in sundry charters granted by the Caroline University, 1655-58; and (with William Meldrum, George Bannerman, and Thomas Paterson) he signs a tack to Marjory Jameson, 26th June, 1663. (Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch. Mass. XII., 69.) He is named (with the same three) in a decree against Mitchell, 2nd Feb., 1664. On 24th October of that year he appears as a Regent at King's College, and is subsequently Canonist there. (*Off. and Grad.*, p. 57.) Mar. Coll. *Theses*, 1656 (Bodl.), 1660 (Abd.); King's Coll. *Theses*, 1680, 1684. "He wrote a Logick Course of Philosophy." (*Cat. Scot. Writ.*)

164 ? Robert Burnet.

Not in Kennedy's list. Signs College accounts, 1648, *ut supra*. "Continovit comoun procurator to Lambes 1650." Bajan, 1637.

164 ? James Chalmers.

M.A., King's Coll., 1645. Not in Kennedy's list. Signs College accounts, 1648, *ut supra*. This is the James Chalmers stated in Scott's *Fasti* (III., 508) to have been promoted in 1651 from a Regency in King's College to be Minister of New Machar. No such name occurs in the list of Regents of King's College. (*Off. and Grad.*, p. 56.)

164 ? Andrew Cant.

Given by Kennedy as admitted in 1655; but is mentioned in the *Buik of Reg.* as having charge of the Magistrand class in 1649-50; and in charters of 1651-58. *Theses* for 1654 (Bodl.), and 1658 (Abd.). "He wrote a Physical Course of Philosophy, also De libero arbitrio." (*Cat. Scot. Writ.*) Promoted from a

regency to be Minister of Liberton in 1659 (Scott's *Fasti*), and Principal of the University of Edinburgh in 1675 (Grant's *Story*). This was the son of the famous Andrew. He matriculated at Marischal College in 1640, *infra*. Joseph Robertson says of him (*Deliciae Literariae*, p. 25) : "He lived to become a non-juring bishop". But the bishop was a third Andrew, son of the Regent's brother, Alexander. (Grub's *Ecclesiastical Hist.*, III., 387.)

16 ? Andrew Birnie.

Not in Kennedy's list. Signs feu charter to Walter Robertson, May, 1651; and an entry in T. C. *Reg.*, iii., 372, 2nd February, 1653. Named in Accounts of 1652-53. Bajan, 1645.

165 ? Alexander White.

Given by Kennedy as admitted in 1655; but signs Charter to Walter Robertson, 1651, and entry in T. C. *Reg.*, 1653; also sundry charters of 1655-58; and a list of books added in 1662 (*Buik of Reg.*). *Theses* for 1657 (Bodl.). (*Geneal. Acct. of James Young*, p. 192.) Bajan, 1646.

165 ? George Meldrum.

Succeeded Birnie. Signs charters in 1655-58. *Theses* for 1659 (Abd.). In that year he was promoted to be Minister of the second charge in Aberdeen. (Scott's *Fasti*.) Rector of Mar. Coll., p. 12. Professor of Divinity in the University of Edinburgh. (Grant's *Story*.) He published numerous Letters and Sermons in Edinburgh. Bajan, 1647.

16 ? John White [?].

Given by Kennedy under year 1660.

1660. William Meldrum.

M.A., 1654. Appears as Common Procurator in 1660. Signs list of books, 1662, and tack to Marjory Jameson, 1663. Named in decree against Mitchell, 1664. Present at Rectorial Election, March, 1665. Promoted from a regency to be Minister of Auchterless, not later than 1671. (Scott's *Fasti*.)

166 ? George Bannerman.

M.A., King's Coll., 1659. Not in Kennedy's list. Named in Accounts, 1661. Present at Rectorial Election, March, 1665. A George Bennean is (with W. Paterson, A. Alexander, and R. Bruce) present at election of a bibliothecar on 5th March, 1667. (Copy of Min. in Burgh Ch. Ch., "College," C<sup>o</sup>. 7.) The name is probably a slip for Bannerman.

166 ? Thomas Paterson.

M.A., 1658. Not in Kennedy's list. Signs tack to Marjory Jameson. Named in decree against Mitchell.

1663. Patrick Strachan.

Not in Kennedy's list. Presented to a regency in 1663, in succession to Robert Forbes, who nevertheless appears as a regent in 1664. Signs demission of office, 16th November, 1665, all differences between him and Principal Leslie being referred to Archbishop Sharp. (Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch. "Professorships,"

Nos. 4, 7, 8.) On 1st August of that year he had been condemned at a Rectorial Court for issuing "heterodox and profane theses . . . qlk became no christiane nor civill mane to mantaine, they altogether reflecting upon the fame of the Universitie, and being ane open floodget to murder, drunkenness and idolatrie". (*Buik of Reg.*) Bajan, 1657.

1664. John Gordon.

M.A., 1658. Not in Kennedy's list. Adm. in Accts., 1664-65. In 1664, Patrick Strachan complains that Gordon, "servant to Sir Robert Farquhar," has been admitted regent "in lew of the petitioner, being neither cited heard nor advertised of ther procedour much less sentenced or censured," and is "endeavouring in a most subdolous way to intrude himself in the place whereof the petitioner is yet in possession". (Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch., "Professorships," No. 4.) Present at Rectorial election, March, 1665.

1664. William Paterson.

Not in Kennedy's list. Adm. in Accts., 1664-65. Present at Rectorial election, March, 1665; and at election of bibliothecar, 5th March, 1667. In that year appointed to a regency in Edinburgh. Clerk to the Privy Council, 1679. (Dalziel's *Hist.*) Bajan, 1659.

166 ? Alexander Alexander.

Given by Kennedy as admitted in 1668, but present at election of bibliothecar, 5th March, 1667. *Theses* for 1669 (Abd.). Present at Rectorial elections in March, 1673, and March, 1674, but not 1675. Became Minister of Glass, 1679. (Scott's *Fasti*; Roger's *House of Alexander*.) Bajan, 1660.

166 ? Robert Bruce.

Given by Kennedy as admitted in 1668, but present at election of bibliothecar, 1667; also at Rectorial elections in 1673 and 1674, but not 1675. Promoted from a regency to be Minister of Old Deer not later than 1676 (Scott's *Fasti*), probably in 1674, for in July of that year his place as a regent had been taken by John Farquhar. (Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch. "Librarian". Cf. Nos. 4 and 6.) He is called "late regent" in an Instrument, Seaton divinity student agt. the Magistrates, 2nd July, 1674. (Burgh Ch. Ch. "College," C<sup>2</sup>. 7.) Bajan, 1661.

1667. Thomas Gray.

Given by Kennedy as admitted in 1668; but is named as teacher of Bajan class, 1667, in *Buik of Reg.* *Theses* for 1673 (Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch.). He is stated in them to be a grandson of Principal Gilbert Gray. He was present at the Rectorial election of that year, but not in 1674. It would appear from a paper in the Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch. ("Professorships," No. 5) that Gray taught the first class for three successive sessions, and thereafter "ascended" in the usual manner. The same Thos. Gray, "son to the deceased Provost Gray," acted as College Librarian in 1669-73. (T. C. *Reg.*, iv., 158, 526.) Bajan, 1660.

1667. Robert Paterson.

Given by Kennedy under year 1669, but probably succeeded William Paterson in 1667. Teacher of Bajan class, 1671. (*Buik of Reg.*) Present at Rectorial

elections, 1673 and 1674. Promoted to the Principalship, p. 28, 20th November, 1678, when he was succeeded by James Lorimer. Paterson was a younger son of John, Bishop of Ross. (Nisbet's *Heraldry*.) Bajan, 1661.

- 16 ? John Lorimer [?].

Given by Kennedy under year 1672; but this must be a blunder, as Alexander, Bruce, Gray, and R. Paterson were in office during that year.

1673. George Peacock.

Given by Kennedy under year 1675, but seems to have succeeded Gray. Present at Rectorial election, March, 1674. Teacher of Bajan class, 1673-74. (*Buik of Reg.*) Children: James, Mary, Elizabeth. (*Poll Book of 1695.*) *Theses*, 1689 (Bodl.), 1693 (Bodl.), 1697 (Glasg.), 1714 (Bodl.). Deprived of office in the political troubles, 1717, when he was succeeded by Patrick Hardie. Bajan, 1666.

1674. John Farquhar.

Given by Kennedy under year 1669, but this is manifestly a blunder, as he succeeded Robert Bruce, probably in 1674. Present at Rectorial election, March, 1675, and (with William Seaton) homologates Paterson's election as Librarian, in May of same year. (Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch., "Librarian," No. 9.) Minister of Tron Church, Edinburgh, 1677. (Scott's *Fasti*.) Bajan, 1664.

1674. William Seaton.

Not in Kennedy's list. Succeeded Alexander Alexander, probably in 1674. Named in an Instrument, Magistrates agt. Seaton, 19th January, 1675. (Burgh Ch. Ch. "College," C<sup>2</sup>. 7.) Bajan, 1667.

1675. Robert Farquhar.

Given by Kennedy under year 1676, but signs Charter to Burgh, 9th September, 1675 ("Mortifications," ii, 13). Succeeded John Farquhar. Present at Rectorial elections, 1679 and 1680. Promoted from a regency to be Minister of Cullen, 1681 (Scott's *Fasti*), when he was succeeded by Thomas Burnett. Semi, 1665.

1675. John Patton.

M.A., 1669. Given by Kennedy under year 1676, but signs Charter to Burgh, 1675. Succeeded William Seaton. Present at Rectorial elections in 1679 and 1680. Taught Bajan class, 1680-81. Promoted from a regency to be Minister of Leocheil, 1682 (Scott's *Fasti*), when he was succeeded by Alexander Litster.

- 1679, Jan. 16. James Lorimer, student of theology.

In place of Robert Paterson, promoted to be Principal. Lorimer's is the first appointment of a regent recorded in the "Register of presentationes and admissiones of all principalles and maisteres". The letter of presentation by George, eighth Earl Marischal, dated 15th January, is engrossed. The appointment is "for this present yeir of God underwritten and yeirlie in tyme coming during our pleasure and ay and quhill we shall declair his charge vaccant by wrift under our own hand and the samen be intimat to him". The admitters are: Principal Robert Paterson, Regents George Peacock, John

Patton, Robert Farquhar, Professor Duncan Liddell, Mr. Patrick Sibbald, parson of St. Nicholas, and Mr. Robert Bruce, minister at Old Deer. Bajan, 1670.  
1681, October 27. Thomas Burnet, master of airts.

In place of Robert Farquhar, demitted. Promoted to a regency in Edinburgh, 1686, as a reward for representing (in Theses printed at Aberdeen in that year) the Reformation as a villainous rebellion, and asserting that the King of Scotland had the power of making and abrogating laws and imposing taxes without the consent of Parliament. In 1690, because of the very same Theses, he was deprived of his regency by the Commission of Visitation. (*Minutes of Commn. in Reg. Ho.; Fountainhall's Decisions; Presbyterian Inquisition in Univ. of Edin.*) Bajan, 1673.

1682, October 3. Alexander Litster, student of theologie.

In place of John Patton, demitted. Demitted 1693. Children: John, Alexander, Francis, Marjorie, Elizabeth (*Poll Book*). Bajan, 1667.

1683, July 25. Robert Keith, student of theologie.

"Sone to the deceist doctor William Keith, professor of theologie in Edinburghe." In place of James Lorimer. Theses, 1687 (Bodl.). For a reference to this Keith, see Fountainhall's *Scottish Affairs*, p. 248, where he is designated "of Lentosh". Bajan, 1668.

1686,<sup>1</sup> November 1. James Moir, student in divinitie.

"Lawfull sone to James Moir in Ferrihill." In place of Thomas Burnet, removed to the College of Edinburgh. Children: Agnes, Jean (*Poll Book*). Died 1713. Bajan, 1674.

1688, March 29. Alexander Moir, student of divinitie.

"Brother german to James Moir of Stonewood." In place of Robert Keith. "A gentleman of great erudition and primitive simplicity of manners." "No wife, child, nor servant" (*Poll Book*). Theses, 1699 (Bodl.). Deprived in 1717. He went to Edinburgh, and kept a private Academy for sons of Jacobite nobility and gentry for several years. (Lettsom's *Life*, I.; Nichols' *Lit. Anecd.*, I.; *Family of Moir and Byres*.) Tertian, 1684.

1693, December 5. William Smith.

Governour then to Charles Lord Hay. In place of Alexander Litster, demitted. "No wife, child, nor servant" (*Poll Book*). Author of the *Oratio in qua inclytiae Academiae Marischallanae Abredonensis Nobilissimus Paren, Illustris Maeccenates et Eximii Benefactores ad annum MDCXCVI commemorantur*, Abred., 1701—so often quoted in Vol. I. Theses 1700, 1704, 1708 (Aberd.), and 1712 (Glasg.). Deprived in 1717.

1713, March 2. George Keith.

M.A., 1700. "Son to Sir William Keith of Ludquhairn, baronett." In place of James Moir, lately deceased. Summoned before the Presbytery of

<sup>1</sup> Kennedy has a *John* Keith, under this date, who does not appear in the Register; and Douglas (*Peerage*, ed. of 1813, II. p., 190) speaks of a "Professor Thomas Keith of the Marischal College"—equally unknown. See *Scottish N. and Q.*, Jan. 1897.

Aberdeen, 27th Jan., 1714, for adultery with Anne Davidson, a married woman. Refused to appear, and was pronounced contumacious. On 10th November, his name was put on the roll of excommunicated persons. (Presb. *Min.*) This seems to have entailed loss of his regency.

**1715, November 30. William Meston.**

M.A., 1698. "Late Governoir to the honourable Mr. James Keith brother german to the Earle Marischal." In place of George Keith, "lately removed from the said office". Several of the admitters were absent "by reason of the disorders of the times". Meston gave "a publick oration and a specimen in the Greek tongue". Deprived in 1717, he seems never to have actually taught, for in session 1715-16 "the Colledge was separat before the Lawes were read or the season of payment come" (*Coll. Proc. Accts.*), and in 1716, no classes assembled; but in 1729 he obtained from the Town Council payment of salary for period from Whitsunday, 1715, to Martinmas, 1716: £82 10s. Scots (T. C. *Reg.*, lx., 85). The notice of Meston in *Dict. Nat. Biog.* is incorrect in several details. Cf. the sketch of him (by the present editor) in *N. and Q.*, 7, X., 21, where a bibliography is attempted. Introduced in Allardyce's *Balmoral*.

**1717, Sept. 30. Patrick Hardie.**

In place of George Peacock, deprived. The King's commissions bear that each regent is to hold office "during all the dayes of his naturall life". Hardie died 1724.

**1717, September 30. David Verner.**

In place of Alexander Moir, deprived. Had studied law in Universities of Edinburgh and Glasgow. Created LL.D. (p. 95), and in 1724 appointed to lecture on law. Theses, 1721 (Westburn), 1730 (Glasg.). Died 1752, aged 64. (Aberd. *Journal*, 28th Jan., 1752; Bower's *Life of Beattie*.)

**1717, September 30. John Anderson.**

In place of William Meston, deprived. Second son of Alexander Anderson of Bourtie. M.A., King's Coll., 1700. Died 1721.

**1717, September 30. George Cruden.**

In place of William Smith, deprived. Bajan, 1712. Died 1723.

**1721, April 14. George Turnbull.**

In place of John Anderson, deceased. Theses, 1726 (Aberd.). Author of *Moral and Christian philosophy*, Lond. 1740; *Universal law*, Lond. 1741; *Collection of ancient paintings*, Lond. 1744. LL.D., 1727, in which year he demitted office.

See p. 95.

**1723, September 6. Thomas Haddow, professor of Greek.**

In place of George Cruden, deceased. This is the first mention in the *Register* of a regent allocated to the teaching of Greek. The Parliamentary Commission of Visitation appointed in 1690 had in 1700 issued an ordinance in the following terms:—

"At Edinburgh, the 16th day of August, 1700 years, the commissioners appointed by act of parliament for visitation of universities, colleges, and schools

taking to their consideration that it would conduce much to the better learning, and for the improvement of the study of the Greek tongue, that the teacher of the same in the first of the four classes in use for Greek and philosophy in each university and college were fixed, and not ambulatory as now he is; do therefore appoint and ordain that hereafter the said teacher of the Greek tongue be fixed, and continue still to teach the same in the said first class to all that shall come to learn under him from year to year, as constant master of the said Greek language, which he is hereby appointed to begin to teach at and after the first day of November through the whole year, until the rising of the class by the ordinary vacation; so that in all that space he is to teach only the Greek grammar and proper Greek authors, without teaching so much as any Structura Syllogismi, or any thing else belonging to the course of philosophy, which is only to be commenced the next year thereafter; and this act and ordinance to take effect after the first of November next. Likeas, for the encouragement of the said fixed teacher of the Greek, it is hereby appointed that no scholar bred at schools in Scotland shall be admitted to learn philosophy, or any part of the course thereof, in any of the colleges and universities, unless that he have learned his Greek, at least for the ordinary year under the said fixed Greek master, and report an authentic certification thereon; and this provision to take effect for and after the year 1701, and no sooner. And for the better executing this act it is farther enacted, that if there be at present any vacancy of any of the four ordinarily called masters or professors of philosophy in any of the said colleges and universities, the same shall be supplied in the ordinary manner by a fixed Greek master, who is to remain as said is, leaving the other three to ascend with their philosophy classes as use is; and where there is no vacancy, the said fixed Greek master is for this time to be chosen by the faculty (that is the meeting of the rector, the professors and masters of each of the said colleges and universities) out of the masters, as the said faculty shall determine, which they are hereby ordained to do betwixt and the first day of October next. And the Greek master that shall be chosen hereby is ordained to obey without reclaiming, with this provision nevertheless for his encouragement, that it shall be in his option, upon any vacancy that happens of any of the said three philosophy masters in his college or university, to betake himself to his place without any new trial; in which case the vacancy of the Greek master shall be supplied by one to be fixed as above. And the commission ordain letters and charges to be direct on this act as effeirs, and that the same be furthwith printed and sent to the several universities and colleges, that none may pretend ignorance."

On 26th February, 1701, the Principal and Regents wrote to the Clerk of the Commission:—"We did lykwayes give tymous obedience to the Act for settling ane Greek Master in the Colledges, and did nominate and elect Master Alexander Moir on of the Regents of this Colledge, to be ane fixed Greek Professor in all tyme coming, who has accepted that office in this Colledge. We do therfor intreat ye will represent this matter of fact to the Visitation, when they do

take ane revieu of this matter, and show how readie compliance we have given heerin." (*Records of Visitation* in Gen. Reg. Ho.)

This appointment was sanctioned by the Commission, 14th January, 1702 ; but it appears not to have become operative, for the Album shows Alexander Moir in charge of the *Magistrand* class in sessions 1702-3, and 1706-7, as would have been the case under the old four-year cycle. When the four new regents were appointed in 1717, their commissions were in identical terms, but seemingly Cruden (whom Haddow is said to succeed) must soon thereafter have been set aside for the duties of a Greek chair. The admission on 8th Oct., 1717, of Matthew McKaile to the Professorship of Medicine (p. 55) he signs "Geo. Cruden, P[hilosophiae] P[rofessor]" ; but the admission, on 14th April, 1721, of George Turnbull to a regency (p. 40) he signs "Geo. Cruden, L[iterarum] G[raecarum] P[rofessor]" . If Cruden became Professor of Greek soon after 1717, a three-year cycle would have been set up for the other three Regents. See "Sequence of the Regents," Appx.

Haddow must have died soon after admission. He held a certificate "of good life and conversation" from Mr. John Cormack, minister of the Gospel, St. Andrews.

1723, December 13. Thomas Blackwell, professor of Greek.

In place of Haddow, deceased. Became also Principal in 1748, p. 29.

1724, Oct. 15. Daniel Gordon.

Student of theology, St. Andrews. In place of Patrick Hardie, deceased. Died 1729.

1727, July 25. William Duff.

In place of George Turnbull, demitted. Son of Hugh Duff, minister of Fearn, Ross-shire (Wimberley's *Hosp. of Invss.*), and M.A., King's Coll., 1721. *Theses*, 1732 (Aberd.).

In 1734 Duff had a lawsuit with his colleague, Thomas Blackwell. On Sunday, 7th January, "betwixt the hours of 2 and 3, in the College Church, during Divine Service, he jostled and pressed violently on Mr. Blackwell". Next day, when Blackwell was teaching in the Bajan Class, Duff sent William Fowler, sacrist, "to desire him to come out and speak to a gentleman," and struck him on the head with a staff which he had provided on purpose, "having come without his gown, which he had put off for that effect". Blackwell presented a "Complaint and Libell unto the Revd. Principall and Masters met in faculty," which Duff requested time to answer ; but the latter passed from one delay to another, and finally advocated the case to Edinburgh, on the plea that the Masters had no jurisdiction, and that two of their number had malice against him. It was agreed, however, to submit the matter to the Principal and Mr. Forbes, Sheriff Depute of Aberdeen, who settled it by a Decree-Arbitral. A minute of Faculty was prepared in draft, in which Duff was to acknowledge the jurisdiction of the College, ask pardon for attacking its privileges, and receive a rebuke from the Principal. He was at first fully satisfied

with this, and showed much impatience to have a meeting held, where it should be approved ; but on this being done he refused to submit, and insisted upon his Bill of Advocation. The outcome of the proceedings has not been traced—(*Mem. for Duff*, 21st February ; *Pet. of Duff*, 24th February ; *Answ. for Blackwell*, 25th February ; *Answ. for Prin. and other Masters*, 23rd July—printed papers in Town House Charter Room).

At a meeting of Faculty, held on 9th February, 1736, Duff is charged with neglect of duty and “with quarrelling upon slight and trivial occasions with one Master after the other, and raising litigious and expensive lawsuits, and with instigating the students to illegal and hurtful proceedings and undutiful conduct to their masters”. At Christmas vacation he had to go to Edinburgh, and did not return till 6th January (the vacation ending on the 1st); neglected his duty as Hebdomader ; refused to preside at the public disputes ; and on 3rd February again went to Edinburgh, appointing an assistant without asking leave of the College. Blackwell states that he had raised criminal actions against all his colleagues, and calls him “that strange unhappy man”.

1st March, 1736.—Duff protests in violent language, styling the minute of 9th February “a pretended calumnious unsigned lybel,” of which a copy was refused him.

10th March, 1737.—At a Rectorial meeting the Principal informs the Court that he has, with advice and consent of the Faculty, given to Regent Duff two admonitions for neglect of duty and other irregularities. The Court authorise the Principal to give him forthwith the third and last admonition, in terms of the Foundation Charter.

At subsequent meetings evidence is given of Duff's non-attendance at College for two years : Drs. Campbell and Glennie, then students, being among the witnesses. On 20th January, 1738, sentence of expulsion is formally pronounced, Duff being “extruded forth and from the said University and Marischall College, and his said office and employment declared void and vacant and at his Majesty's gift and disposal as patron of the foresaid University”. (*Papers in Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch., “Rectors and Rectorial Courts”*.)

Duff went to London, where he published *The Case of William Duff, Professor of Philosophy in the Marischal University of Aberdeen : Showing the Barbarous Treatment of an Honest Family*, 1739 ; and *A History of Scotland*, Vol. I. (all pubd.) 1750 (with author's portrait).

1729, Novemb. 25. Dr. Matthew McKail.

Previously Professor of Medicine, p. 55. In place of Daniel Gordon, deceased. Some objection seems to have been taken to the admission of McKail, as only three admitters sign. He delivers a discourse “On the connexion and difference betwixt the atomic or Copernican and the Newtonian philosophy”.

Died 1733.

1734, March 26. Francis Skene.

Son of George Skene, minister of Kinkell (*Skene Memorials*). M.A. King's

Coll., 1721. In place of McKail, on whose death it had been proposed to revert to the plan of the Founder, and assign the three higher classes to particular masters, Verner to take the semis, Duff the magistrands, and McKail's successor the tertians. But Skene petitioned against this (Min. of 28th June), and his objections were sustained. When the new plan was adopted in 1753, he was assigned the Semis Class. LL.D., 1766, when he is also made "Professor of Laws" (*cf.* Min. of 26th Nov., 1760). Died 1775. Portrait in possession of University.

1739, April 10. Alexander Innes.

Great grandson of David Gregory of Kinnairdie (*Off. and Grad.*, p. 37). M.A., 1732. Had acted as substitute during William Duff's absence, sessions 1736-7, 1737-8, 1738-9. After Duff's deposition on 20th January, 1738, the Rector, Principal and Masters appear to have pressed Innes' claims on the Chancellor, Lord Ilay, but without effect until January, 1739, when he recommends them to apply to the Duke of Newcastle. This they do, 19th January, calling his attention to "the melancholy situation of our Colledge"; but at the same time resolve "to fix a Program to the College and kirk doors [*cf.* Vol. I., p. 45] within a few days in order to secure their privilidges". The Duke "making farther delays and offsets," they resolve, 2nd March, to act on the program, and seek the concurrence of the Magistrates in case the election should be called in question. On 19th March, the edict is duly "called," but no candidates appear, and they intimate to Lord Ilay that they have put off the election till 10th April, hoping to hear from him. On that day, having no letter, they elect Mr. Innes. It is claimed that this is competent, from there having been no presentation notified, although a year had elapsed since the vacancy had been intimated to the Crown, from no answer to letters having been received, from the loss sustained by the College in wanting a Regent, and from the terms of the Foundation Charter. Lord Ilay writes on 23rd April that he had received the communication of 7th March on 20th April. "It seems instead of sending it by the Post, it came by somebody who took France in his way." He chides the Faculty for not transmitting to Government a regular copy of the proceedings against Duff, wonders "a learned body did not better apprehend the meaning of such notification," and send the causes of deposition, instead of writing, "in no other stile than if Duff had been dead". The Crown ought to have known the whole, as a mark of respect, the office being one for life. Duff, he adds, "has been a considerable time about town making a noise in all the offices and in every place where he could have access". After this scolding, Lord Ilay becomes kinder, and says that he has taken their part, and told everybody that "Duff's long stay in this London and the unaccountable turn of his temper made it highly probable that the Faculty had done nothing but justice". Blackwell's reply is a humble palinode, requesting a presentation for Innes. It does not appear that this was ever sent.

We learn from a Memorial to the Barons of the Exchequer that Innes "was so generous as to permit the emoluments of the class [1736-39] to go to the support of Mr. Duff's unhappy relinquished family". He died in 1742. (Coll.

*Min.; Papers in Mar. Coll. Ch. Ch., "Rectors"; Alexis, a pastoral to the memory of Alexander Innes, Aberd., 1744.)*

1742, Sept. 9. David Fordyce.

The second of Provost George Fordyce's twenty children, and through his mother a relative of Principal Blackwell. M.A., 1728. Preacher of the gospel: no parish. Was recommended by the College to the Crown, in place of Innes. In 1750 got leave of absence and visited Rome: in returning, 1751, was drowned off the coast of Holland. Portrait at Brucklay Castle. Author of *Dialogues concerning education*, Lond., 1745; *Theodorus*, 1752; *Moral philosophy*, Lond., 1754; *Temple of virtue*, Lond., 1757; *British letter-writer*, Lond., 1790. (Dingwall Fordyce Fam. Rec.)

1752, July 7. Alexander Gerard.

Son of deceased Gilbert Gerard, minister of Chapel of Garioch. M.A., 1744. Commission dated 18th May. In place of Fordyce, for whom he had acted as substitute, sessions 1750-1 and 1751-2. Demitted 1760, on becoming Professor of Divinity and minister of Greyfriars. D.D., King's Coll., 1761. Moderator of Gen. Assembly, 1764. Professor of Divinity, King's Coll., 1771. Died 1795. Was instrumental in bringing about the fixing of the Classes in 1753. In 1755 his *Plan of Education in the Marischal Coll. and University of Aberdeen, with the reasons of it*, was printed by order of the Faculty. (German translation pubd. at Riga, 1770. See also George Kerr's *Examination of a pamphlet entitled 'Plan of Education, etc.'* Aberd., 1826.) His other works are well known. Married, 14th June, 1757, Jean Wight, with issue: Marjory (m. Patrick Campbell of Stracathro), Gilbert (his successor at King's Coll.), Alexander, John, Jane, and Margaret Helen (m. James Cruickshank of Langley Park). Portrait in possession of University. Together with James Beattie, George Campbell, John Gregory, Thomas Reid, and David Skene, founded the Philosophical Society of Aberdeen. (See *Macmillan's Mag.* for Sept., 1863.)

1753, Aug. 21. William Duncan.

In place of Verner. Son of deceased William Duncan of Atrochy. M.A., 1735. Had attended some divinity classes, but became a professional author in London. Commission dated, like Gerard's, 18th May, 1752, but on 1st Nov., certified by two physicians to be unable to undertake the journey to Aberdeen, and David Burn, preacher of the Gospel, appointed to conduct his class. Drowned while bathing, 12th May, 1760. Author of *Logic* (in Dodsley's "Preceptor"), Lond., 1748, etc.; Cæsar's *Commentaries*, trans., Lond., 1753, etc.; *Discourse on Roman art of war*, Lond., 1755; editions of Greek New Test. and Ainsworth's *Latin Dictionary*; Cicero's *Select Orations*, trans., Lond., 1771; also probably of Vol. II. of Watson's *Horace*, and of several translations from the French. (Biog. sketch, not very accurate, in *Scottish Register*, Vol. I.)

By minute of Senatus, of date 11th January, 1753, the subjects and classes had been fixed as follows:—

Francis Skene, professor of Civil and Natural History (semis).

William Duncan, professor of Natural Philosophy (tertiaries).

1753, Aug. 21. Alexander Gerard, professor of Moral Philosophy and Logic (magistrands).

A programme of the classes as thus arranged appeared in the *Aberdeen Journal* of 2nd Oct. The King's College professors, while adopting the altered sequence of subjects, adhered to the old system of circulating regents. This, it is understood, was due to the authority of Dr. Thomas Reid, who gave it a decided preference. The grounds on which so enlightened a teacher defended a practice that once extensively prevailed are interesting. The minutes embodying them are quoted in the present editor's *Arts Curriculum*, Aberd., 1892, p. 13. See also *Abstract of some orders and statutes of King's College*, Aberd., 1753.

1758, March 7. William Kennedy, professor of Greek.

In place of Blackwell. Son of the Rev. Hugh Kennedy, one of the ministers of the Scots Church, Rotterdam. M.A., 1754. Student of divinity. Died 14th November, 1782.

1760, Oct. 8. James Beattie, professor of moral philosophy and logic.

In place of Gerard. Son of James Beattie, farmer, Laurencekirk. First bursar, 1749; M.A., 1753; LL.D., King's Coll., 1770; D.C.L., Oxon., 1773. Married, 28th June, 1767, Mary Dun, with issue: James Hay (*infra*), and Montagu. Died 18th Aug., 1803. His numerous writings are well known, the only one explicitly for the use of his students being *Scoticisms*, Aberd., 1778. Portrait (in the allegorical painting by Sir Joshua Reynolds), in the possession of the University, reproduced in the great window, Mitchell Hall, Mar. Coll., and in this volume. (Bower's *Life*; Forbes' *Life*; *Dict. Nat. Biog.*; Sir W. D. Geddes' *Poetic ideals of education*.)

1760, Oct. 8. George Skene, professor of natural philosophy.

In place of Duncan. Son of Regent Francis Skene (*supra*). M.A., 1755. M.D. Married, 26th October, 1769, Margaret, daughter of Charles Gordon of Abergeldie, with issue: John, Francis, Amelia (m. Capt. Edmund Filmer), Mary, Charles (Prof. of Medicine, *infra*), Mary Anne, Elizabeth, Margaret (m. Arthur Anderson of Deebank, now Newton Dee), Andrew, William, Alison. Succeeded his father as professor of civil and natural history, 1775.

1775. George Skene, professor of civil and natural history.

This transference is not entered in the *Reg. of Pres.* Demitted office 1788, and died 25th March, 1803. Portrait in possession of University.

1775, March 25. Patrick Copland, professor of natural philosophy.

In place of George Skene, transferred, whom he had assisted during session 1774-75. Son of Rev. Samuel Copland, D.D., minister of Fintray. M.A., 1766. Appointed Professor of Mathematics, 1779, but taught that subject in reality for only one session. See 1817, *infra*.

1779, June 18. Robert Hamilton, professor of natural philosophy.

In place of Copland, transferred. Son of Gavin Hamilton, bookseller, and grandson of Principal William Hamilton, Edinburgh. Rector of Perth

Academy. LL.D., Edin., 1775. Exchanged duties with Copland in 1780, but not until 1817 formally appointed Professor of Mathematics, p. 54.

1782, Dec. 9. John Stuart, professor of Greek.

In place of Kennedy, for whom he had acted as substitute, 1781-2. Son of John Stuart of Inchbreck. Alumnus, 1767. Studied Law and Divinity. Married, 26th April, 1787, Margaret, daughter of George Mowatt, merchant, Aberdeen, with issue: John, Marjory, Mary, George Andrew, Alexander, Charles. Died 27th August, 1827. Taught in part from 1815, and wholly from 1818, by deputies, *viz.* :—

- 1815-18. Alexander Black, afterwards professor of divinity, p. 52.
- 1818-20. Alexander Leith Ross, died March, 1821.
- 1820-22. Robert Reid.
- 1822-23. Robert Reid and Robert<sup>1</sup> Machray.
- 1823-24. Robert<sup>1</sup> Machray.
- 1824-27. Robert Reid.

Stuart was author of *Life of Dr. Duncan Liddel*, Aberd., 1790 (repr. in *Aberdeen Mag.*, 1796); "Marischal College" in Sinclair's *Statistical Account*, Vol. 21, Edinb., 1799; *Essays, chiefly on Scottish Antiquities*, Aberd., 1846. Portrait by John Moir in possession of Aberdeen Medico-Chirurgical Society, which he helped to found. (Life prefixed to *Essays*.)

1787, Sept. 28. James Hay Beattie.

Appointed assistant and successor to his father, the preamble of the Commission citing "the advanced period of life of James Beattie". M.A., 1786. Died 19th Nov., 1790. Author of *Essays and fragments*, Edin., 1794; *Syllabus of Versification*, Aberd., 1795; *Miscellanies*, Lond., 1799. (Life by his father, 1792; portrait engraved, 1801.) First winner of the Silver Pen.

1788, May 10. William Morgan, professor of civil and natural history.

In place of George Skene. Son of George Morgan. Late rector of Kingston, Jamaica. D.D., King's Coll., 1780. Married to Martha Jopping, with issue (alive at his admission), James Gordon. Died 2nd Sept., so that he never taught.

1788, Oct. 22. James Beattie, professor of civil and natural history.

In place of Morgan. Son of David Beattie, Laurencekirk, and nephew of Dr. James Beattie. M.A., 1783. Married, 5th June, 1794, Jane Innes, with issue: James, David, Anne, Alexander, Jean, John. Died 5th Oct., 1810. "Ewen Maclachlan in November published two poems in his memory" (Knight).

1796, Sept. 30. George Glennie, professor of moral philosophy.

Assistant and successor "on account of the advanced period of life" of Dr. James Beattie. Son of Dr. John Glennie, minister of Maryculter. M.A., 1786. Entered on the full charge when Dr. Beattie died in 1803. One of

<sup>1</sup> William in Knight's MS. The name is not minuted.

ministers of Aberdeen, in conjunction, from 1813. D.D., 1816. Married, 4th July, 1797, Margaret Valentine, niece of Dr. Beattie, with issue: Jane (m. Professor William Knight), James Beattie, Mary (m. Professor Patrick Forbes of King's College), Margaret (d. in nine days), Margaret, John, George, Helen. Died 9th November, 1845. Had latterly taught by deputies:—

1840. James Duirs, M.A.

1841-43. Alexander Bain, M.A., 1840, afterwards Prof. of Logic in the University of Aberdeen.

1844. Rev. William R. Pirie, Prof. of Divinity.

1845. William Fraser, alumnus of Edinburgh.

1811 [?] Robert Renny.

In place of James Beattie, younger. Minister of Kilsyth. DD., 1808. Unanimously recommended by the Faculty, 23rd Nov., 1810, and duly gazetted to the post, but on 2nd April, 1811, wrote that, "owing to unforeseen and peculiar circumstances originating in the present perplexed state of commercial credit in that part of the country where he now resides, which prevent him from arranging his private affairs, so as to enable him in due time to assume and discharge the office to which he had been appointed, he had thought it expedient to intimate his resignation to the Faculty". (*Min. of 10th April.*) On 6th May, the Faculty recommend Dr. James Davidson by the casting vote of the Principal, four members voting for William Knight, who had conducted the classes, by appointment of the Faculty, during session 1810-11.

1811, July 1. James Davidson, professor of civil and natural history.

In place of Renny. M.D., Edin., 1792. Hon. M.A., King's Coll., 1811. Physician at Dunfermline. Married 2ndly, 3rd Nov., 1811, Charlotte Johnston, with issue: Elizabeth, Christian, David, James Johnston, Laurence, John Rankin, Margaret, Charlotte, William Adam, Robert Halkerston, Andrew. Died 19th Feb., 1841. Classes had been taught, 1838-41, by a substitute, John Shier, M.A. (p. 59). (*Riddell's Aberdeen and its folk.*)

1817, July 9. Patrick Copland, professor of natural philosophy.

In place of Hamilton, demitted. Copland and Hamilton had (with the approval of the Faculty and Magistrates) exchanged their *duties* on 16th Nov., 1780, but the formal exchange of *chairs* was only now made. When the exchange was arranged in 1816, the Faculty recommended to the Crown the joint appointment of Professor Copland's son, John, as assistant and successor to his father; but this was found incompetent. Copland was made LL.D., 27th June, 1817. He married, 27th Sept., 1787, Elizabeth Ogilvie, with issue: Alexander, John, Charles, Mary (m. Alexander Murchison, M.D.). Died 10th Nov., 1822. His collection of apparatus purchased for 700 guineas by the college. (Knight's MSS., quoted in *Scot. N. and Q.*, I., 124.)

1823, Feb. 20. William Knight, professor of natural philosophy.

In place of Copland. Son of William Knight, bookseller. M.A., 1802;

LL.D., 1817. Had taught semi class of 1810-11; and extra-mural classes of botany and chemistry, 1811-16; Professor of natural philosophy, Academical Institution, Belfast, 1816-22. In September, 1822, Copland offered to resign if a presentation could be secured for Knight, and the Faculty unanimously recommended him for the post. On 29th Oct., he was appointed to teach the class during the ensuing session. Copland died 10th Nov., and Knight was gazetted 26th Nov. Resumed the teaching of botany in 1823, and in 1827 was appointed lecturer on that subject by the joint Medical School, *infra*. Married, 17th Sept., 1821, Jane, daughter of Professor Glennie, with issue: Margaret, Janet, Jean, George, William, Mary. Died 3rd December, 1844. Author of *Heads of a course of lectures*, Aberd., 1811; *Outlines of botany*, Aberd., 1813, 1828; *Facts towards a new theory of the earth*, Edin., 1818; *The first day in heaven*, Lond., 1820; "Marschal Coll." in *New Statist. Acct.*, Edin., 1845. His MS. Collections have been of immense service in the preparation of these volumes. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*; Masson's "Men I have Known" in *Macmillan's Mag.*, Vol. 9; Bain's "Recollections" in *Alma Mater*, Vol. 6; *Aberdeen and its folk*; *Brown's Bookstall*.)

1827, Dec. 11. Robert James Brown, professor of Greek.

In place of Stuart: unanimously recommended by the Faculty. Son of Principal W. L. Brown. M.A., 1808. Minister of Drumblade, 1821-27. Moderator of F. C. Assembly, 1846. Married, 14th Sept., 1829, Jane Stronach, without issue. Retired, on the union of the Universities in 1860, and died 7th December, 1872. Portrait by Philip, in F. C. Coll., Aberd.

1841, May 17. William Macgillivray, professor of civil and natural history.

In place of Davidson. M.A., King's Coll., 1815; LL.D., King's Coll., 1844. Married, Marion McCaskill, with issue: John, Isabella, Williamina Craigie, Marion McCaskill (m. William Jamieson), Anne Dorothea, Paul Howard, Audubon Felix, Caroline Mary, Margaret Christina, William Norman. Died 5th Sept., 1852. His numerous ornithological and other works are well known. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

1845, March 7. David Gray, professor of natural philosophy.

In place of Knight. The class during the remainder of session 1844-5 had been taught by Alexander Bain (see under 1796). Gray was Rector of Royal Academy, Inverness, 1839-45. Married, Margaret Jane Brown, with issue: Thomas David, Frances Downie, John Roubel, Catherine Roubel, George, Mary Clementina, Marion Hannah, Margaret Jane. Died 10th Febr., 1856. Author of *Introductory lecture on 3rd Nov.*, Aberd., 1846, 1848; *On the grammar school curriculum*, Aberd., 1854; *Letter on the advantages of a mathematical training* [1854].

1846, April 15. William Martin, professor of moral philosophy and logic.

In place of Glennie. M.A., St. And., 1837; LL.D., St. And., 1868. On the union of the Universities in 1860, became professor of moral philosophy in the

University of Aberdeen. Retired 1876. Married, 18th Oct., 1886, Annie May, daughter of late Rev. William Beattie, minister of Evie and Rendall. Died 18th February, 1890. Author of *Modern infidelity*, Aberd., 1848; *Is man responsible for his belief?* Aberd., 1849; *Notes on the foundation and history of Marischal College*, Aberd., 1849; *The Bible in its relations to the present age*, Aberd., 1851; *British infidelity: its aspects and prospects*, Edinb., 1852; *Creed and circumstance*, Glasg., 1854; *On the argument of Butler in his Analogy*, Aberd., 1855; *Relations of Christian revelation to science*; Note to Garley's *Submission and its reward*, Lond., 1863; *Moral evidence and its relation to religion*, Aberd., 1868. (*Records of Arts Class*, 1868-72, 2nd ed., 1892.)

1853, Sept. 15. James Nicol, professor of civil and natural history.

In place of Macgillivray. Son of Rev. James Nicol, minister of Traquair. Studied Arts and Divinity at Edinburgh, and mineralogy at Berlin and Bonn. Assistant Sec., Geological Society, 1847-49. Professor of Geology and Mineralogy, Queen's Coll., Cork, 1849-53. On the union of the Universities in 1860, became professor of natural history in the University of Aberdeen. Retired 1878, and died 8th April, 1879. Married, 7th Sept., 1849, Alexandrina Anne Macleay Downie, without issue. Portrait in possession of Mrs. Nicol. A bibliography of his numerous writings will be found in *Records of Arts Class*, 1868-72, 2nd ed. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

1856, Aug. 19. James Clerk Maxwell, professor of natural philosophy.

In place of Gray. Son of John Clerk (Maxwell), Midlothian. Second wrangler, 1854. On the union of the Universities in 1860, he demitted office. Married, 2nd June, 1858, Catherine Mary, daughter of Principal Dewar. Died 5th Nov., 1879. His writings are among the classics of Natural Philosophy. (*Life* by Campbell and Garnett. *Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

## PROFESSORS OF DIVINITY.<sup>1</sup>

1625, Dec. 21. Robert Baron.

M.A., St. And.; D.D., King's Coll., 1627. Minister of Greyfriars, which he held in conjunction. Previously Regent at St. Andrews, and minister of Keith. One of the "Aberdeen Doctors". Died 19th Aug., 1639. Author of *Philosophia theologiae ancillans*, Andreap., 1621, etc.; *Positiones*, Andreap., 1621; *De formali objecto fidei*, Abred., 1627; *Theses theologicae*, Abred., 1630; *Apodixis catholica*, Abred., 1631; *On the arrival of King Charles*, Aberd., 1633; *Disputatio theologica*, Abred., 1633; *Metaphysica*, Lugd. Bat., 1654. A sermon in Forbes' *Funerals*. (*Funerals*, ed. 1845. Gordon's *Scots Affairs*, III., 236.) MSS. in University Library.

1649, June 6. John Menzies.<sup>2</sup>

Previously regent, p. 34. Minister of Greyfriars in conjunction. Died 1st Feb., 1684. Author of *Britannia rediviva*, Aberd., 1660; *Papismus lucifugus*, Aberd., 1668; *Roma mendax*, Lond., 1675; *Sermon at funeral of Dr. Alexander Fraser*, Edin., 1681. (Scott's *Fasti*.)

1684, June 4. Patrick Sibbald.

One of the ministers of Aberdeen since 1666. Rector since 1679, p. 13. D.D., 1684 (Scott). Held Greyfriars in conjunction. "No wife nor child" (*Poll Book*). Died 1697. Portrait in possession of University.

1697, Dec. 22. James Osborne.

Alumnus of Glasgow. Previously minister, Kilmarnock and Aberdeen. Died 1711. The appointment not in the *Reg. of Pres.*

1711, Dec. 18. Thomas Blackwell.

Alumnus of Glasgow. Previously minister, Paisley and Aberdeen. Is admitted "Professor of Divinity and Lecturer in the Gray Frier Church of the said Colledge" (*Reg. of Pres.*). Held the Principalship (p. 29) in conjunction from 1717. Died 1728.

1728, Aug. 8. James Chalmers.

M.A., 1705. Previously minister, Dyke and Aberdeen. Died 6th Oct., 1744. Son of Hugh, bajan 1661, and brother of Alexander, M.A., 1699. (P. H. Chalmers' *Memorandum*.)

<sup>1</sup> The circumstances attending the foundation of the Divinity chair are detailed in Vol. I., pp. 159-180. The patronage was exercised by the Town Council down to the union of the Universities in 1860.

<sup>2</sup> For abortive nominations of James Wood and John Seaton, see Vol. I., p. 179.

1745, August 28. Robert Pollock.

M.A., Edinburgh, 1725; D.D., Mar. Coll., 1753. Previously minister of Duddingston. Held the Principalship (*supra*) in conjunction from 1757. Died 18th May, 1759. Mr. Frederick Carmichael, minister of Inveresk, had been nominated by the Council, 24 Nov., 1744, but declined (T. C. *Reg.*, lxi., 184).

1760, June 11. Alexander Gerard.

Previously regent, *supra*. D.D., 1761. Demitted in 1771, on appointment to Divinity Chair, King's Coll.

1771, Aug. 7. George Campbell.

Principal, *supra*. Demitted the professorship 2nd June, 1795, and died 6th April, 1796.

1795, August 12. William Laurence Brown.

Principal next year, *supra*. Died 11th May, 1830.

1831, Oct. 20. Alexander Black.

Son of deceased Alexander Black, Aberdeen. First bursar, 1803; M.A., 1807; D.D., 1824. Minister of Tarves, 1818-31. Married, 9th November, 1826, Rachel Booth, with issue: Alexander, George Hamilton Gordon, Helen Forsyth. Demitted 14th June, 1843, on joining the Free Church.

1843, Dec. 30. William Robinson Pirie.

Son of Rev. George Pirie, D.D., minister of Slains. D.D., 1844. Minister of Greyfriars, 1846-47. On union of Universities in 1860, became Professor of Church History in the University of Aberdeen; Moderator of General Assembly, 1864; Principal of the University, 1877. Married, 24th March, 1842, Margaret Chalmers, daughter of Rev. Lewis Wm. Forbes, D.D., minister of Boharm, with issue: George (Prof. of Maths., Univ. of Aberd.), Penelope Elizabeth, May Forbes (m. R. B. Thomson), Margaret Forbes (m. T. A. W. A. Youngson), Lewis James, William Robinson, Charles Lockhart, Charlotte Lockhart Baird, Benjamin Abernethy Gordon, Annie. Died 1885. A list of his writings will be found in the present editor's notice in *Dict. Nat. Biog.* See also *In Memoriam W. R. Pirie*, Abd., 1889.

## PROFESSORS OF MATHEMATICS.<sup>1</sup>

1626, May 3. William Johnston.

Youngest son of George Johnston of that Ilk and Caskieben, and younger brother of Arthur Johnston, the Latin poet. M.D. According to W. Smith's *Oratio*, p. 24, he had been a professor at Sedan; but he is not mentioned in Charles Peyran's *Hist. de l'acad. de Sedan*, and has probably been confused with his elder brother. Died June, 1640. His widow a benefactor, Vol. I., p. 246. His scattered poems have not yet been collected. "He wrote on the Mathematicks." (*Cat. Scot. Writ.* MSS. in Univ. Libr.) Portrait by Jamesone in possession of University. (W. Johnston's *Geneal. Acct.*) Bajan 1605.

1641, Jan. 13. William Moir.

Late bailie. Also Principal, 1649, p. 28. Bajan 1614.

1661, July 3. Duncan Liddell.

Son of John Liddell, brother of the founder of the Chair. "He taught Geometry, Navigation, Gunnery, for several years in London, and dyed in Aberdeen, being very aged" (*Cat. Scot. Writ.*). "Jean Montgumorie, relict" (*Poll Book*). Bajan 1630.

1687, Nov. 29. George Liddell.

As assistant and successor to his father. "The principall masters and members of the said Colledge having assigned and appoynted to him this day for giving ane publict evidence of his ingyne and knowledge of the said science in their common schooll, and which the said master George did ther publicltie give efter ten of the cloak and ringing of the great bell of the Colledge, in their presence and als in presence of the said's magistrats, the most pairt of the doctors and ministers of the said burge and many others then present, to all of their great contentments and satisfaciones and with their great and vnanimous approbatione. . . . In token whairof the said principall for himself and in name of the rest of the masters and members of the said Colledge instantly delyvered to the said master George Liddell Eucleid's book of Mathematicks and the sphericall globe in his hands as vse is" (*Reg. of Pres.*). "No wife, child, nor servant" (*Poll Book*). Deprived by the Commission of 1716. Tertian 1683.

<sup>1</sup> The circumstances attending the foundation of the Mathematical Chair are detailed in Vol. I., pp. 131-148. The patronage was exercised by the Town Council down to the union of the Universities in 1860.

1717, Sept. 30. Colin Maclaurin.

M.A., Glasg., 1713, aged 15. F.R.S., 1719. Appointed 1725, on the recommendation of Sir Isaac Newton, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Edinburgh. Portrait in Smith's *Icon. Scot.* (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

1727, Sept. 4. John Stewart.

Son of Robert Stewart, late provost. M.A., 1726. Married, 8th Sept., 1847, Jean Gordon, with issue: Robert, Margaret, Annabella, John, Jean, Caroline, James, Charles. Died 13th March, 1766. (See *Scots Mag.*, XXVIII., 167.) Translator of Newton's Tracts on *Quadrature of Curves and Analysis by Series*, Lond., 1745. College nickname, "John Triangles" (Knight).

1766, Oct. 29. William Traill.

Son of William Traill, minister of St. Monans. M.A., Glasg., 1766. LL.D., Mar. Coll., 1774. Dr. John Garioch, physician in Aberdeen, admitted assistant and successor 11th Sept., 1776, but died 12th March, 1777 (Verses in *Aberd. Jour.*, 17th March). Traill resigned 6th April, 1779, obtaining preferment in the Church of Ireland. Died 3rd Febr., 1831. Author of *Elements of Algebra*, Aberd., 1770, etc.; *Life of Robert Simson*, Lond., 1812.

1779, April 17. Patrick Copland.

Previously professor of natural philosophy, *supra*.

1817, July 9. Robert Hamilton.

Previously professor of natural philosophy, *supra*. Married, 1st, Ann Mitchell, with issue: Anne Archibald, Helen (m. Andrew Thomson of Ban- chory), Marion (m. Rev. Robert Swan); 2nd, 8th Oct., 1782, Jean Morison. Died 14th July, 1829. His numerous mathematical and economic writings are well known. Portraits by Moir of Professor and Mrs. Hamilton in possession of University.

1817, July 9. John Cruickshank.

Son of James Cruickshank, Rothiemay. M.A., 1809; LL.D., 1834. Assistant and successor to Professor Hamilton, whom he had privately assisted for three years past. Had been examined by Professors Hamilton and Copland, together with Professors Paul and Tulloch, of King's College, who reported him "fully competent to teach Mathematics in any University". Succeeded to the full charge, 1829; retired 1860, on the union of the Universities. Married, 22nd October, 1818, Janet Mitchell, with issue: Alexander (M.A., 1840; LL.D., 1882), Anne Hamilton, John Forbes (M.A., 1840: died young). Died 10th Nov., 1875. Portrait by Sir John Watson Gordon in possession of his son, Dr. Alexander Cruickshank, reproduced in this volume. (Ogilvie's *John Cruickshank*.)

## PROFESSORS OF MEDICINE.<sup>1</sup>

1701. Patrick Chalmers.

Of Fedrett, doctor of medicine. Children: Alexander, Samuel, Patrick, George, John, Janat, Margrat, Elizabeth, Rachel (*Poll Book*). Deprived in 1716.

1717, October 8. Matthew McKaile.

Son of Dr. Matthew McKaile, author of several medical tracts. M.A., 1708; M.D., 1711. Also regent in 1729, *supra*. Died 1733. Portrait of his father in possession of University.

1734, June 6. James Gordon.

Son of Dr. John Gordon, physician in Aberdeen. M.A., 1724; M.D. Is designated of Pitlurg. Died 1755. (Temple's *Thanage of Fermartyne*, p. 315.)

1755. Alexander Donaldson.

M.D. Previously professor of Oriental languages (*infra*), which post he held in conjunction till his death, 19th May, 1793.

1793, June 15. William Livingston.

Son of Dr. Thomas Livingston, physician, Aberdeen. M.D. The Faculty had recommended Dr. George Skene. Livingston married, 1st, Agnes Syme; 2nd, Margaret Gibbon, without issue. Died 4th Oct., 1822.

1823, Jan. 24. Charles Skene.

Son of Professor George Skene. M.A., 1795; M.D., Edin., 1799. Lecturer on anatomy, 1802. Married, 18th June, 1808, Margaret Ann Anderson, with issue: Mary, George, Charles (M.A., 1830), Andrew, Margaret, Alexander, Harriet, William. Resigned 20th June, 1839. Died 11th June, 1844. Portrait by Colvin Smith in possession of University. (*Skene Memorials*.)

1832, Dec. 18. John Macrobine.

M.D., Edin., 1827. "Assistant to Dr. Charles Skene in the said office with all the powers and privileges of a professor of medicine," but without explicit right of succession. Macrobine had acted as assistant to Skene during session 1831-32, but this appointment was made without the previous knowledge of Dr. Skene; and the Senatus, "believing this case to be entirely unprecedented in any Scot-

<sup>1</sup> Chair founded by William, 9th Earl Marischal, in 1700: Vol. I., p. 381. The Rectorial election of 1688 is held in the presence, *inter alios*, of "doctor William Moir, professor of medicine". In 1689 and 1690, he is styled "William Moir, doctor of medicine".

tish University, and thinking that evils would follow from its being drawn into a precedent," made representations on the subject to the Home Secretary, which were strongly supported by the Chancellor, the Duke of Gordon, but without effect. (Lengthy minutes of Senatus, 13th Nov., 1832, to 4th July, 1833, printed in Appx. to *Second Report of Commissioners of 1836-37*, pp. 189-197. See also *Aberd. Mag.*, Dec., 1832.) On Skene's resignation in 1839, Macrobin received a new presentation to the Chair, and was admitted accordingly, 3rd Sept. The Senatus petitioned to have the name of the chair altered to "Practice of Medicine," but this was not done. The change, however, was made in 1860, on the union of the Universities, when Macrobin became Professor of the Practice of Medicine in the University of Aberdeen. He married, 1st, Anna Hare Challoner, with issue: Mary, Anna Elizabeth, John Charles, Andrew Arthur (M.A., 1863; M.B., 1866), Jane Henzell, Henrietta Nicolson, Eleanor, Frances Louisa, Ellen Anna, Anna Hare Challoner; 2nd, Eleanor Isabella Cattle. He resigned 1875, and died 1879. Author of *Introd. to study of practical medicine*, Lond., 1835. Portrait by Sir George Reid in possession of University.

## PROFESSORS OF ORIENTAL LANGUAGES.<sup>1</sup>

1732, Oct. 23. James Donaldson.

Physician in Aberdeen. Demitted 2nd Dec., 1754. Bajan 1713.

1754, Dec. 24. Alexander Donaldson.

Son of Dr. James Donaldson. Became also professor of medicine, *supra*.  
Died 19th May, 1793.

1794, Jan. 11. James Kidd.

Studied in the Universities of Pennsylvania and Edinburgh. Attended Divinity Classes at Aberdeen during sessions 1794-98, and was licensed by the Presbytery of Aberdeen, 1796. D.D., Princeton, 1819. Minister of quoad sacra parish of Gilcomston, 1801. Married, Jean Boyd, with issue: Agnes (m. James Oswald, shipmaster), Janet, William Campbell, Benjamin Rush, Jane Allan, James Leith, Christiana Little (m. George Thompson, Jr., afterwards lord provost and M.P.). Died 24th Dec., 1834. See Stark's *Dr. Kidd of Aberdeen*, where a list of his writings will be found.

1832, March 6. Robert Simpson.

Assistant and successor to Professor Kidd, whom he had previously assisted privately. M.A., King's Coll., 1815; Murray Lecturer, 1831-32. Demitted 21st Jan., 1837, on his appointment to the parish of Kintore. D.D., King's Coll., 1856.

1835, Feb. 7. George Gordon McLean.

M.A., King's Coll., 1812; M.D., 1819; Murray Lecturer, 1826. Retired 1860, on the union of the Universities. Married, Frances Helen Angus.

<sup>1</sup> Chair founded, 1727, by the Rev. Gilbert Ramsay, Barbadoes (portrait in possession of University). The patronage was vested in the lairds of Balmain, failing whom the Corporation of Aberdeen (see Vol. I., p. 412). As to earlier instruction in Hebrew, see Vol. I., pp. 43, 264.

## PROFESSORS OF CHEMISTRY.<sup>1</sup>

1793, Dec. 14. George French.

Son of John French, advocate, and Christian, dau. of Thomas Blackwell, 9th Principal. M.D., 1786. Physician in Aberdeen. Designated first professor in the will of Mrs. Blackwell, widow of his uncle, the 11th Principal. Married, Sarah Wellard, with issue: Christian Julia (m. Charles Ross, merchant). Died 13th Aug., 1833. Portrait in possession of Medico-Chirurgical Society. (Dingwall Fordyce *Fam. Hist.*)

1833, Nov. 12. Thomas Clark.

M.D., Glasg., 1831. This appointment caused much dissension. By Mrs. Blackwell's deed of Foundation the Principal and professors were directed to fill up vacancies by a comparative trial of candidates, but on 21st Sept., 1827, the Commissioners of 1826 expressed doubt as to the right of the principal and professors to nominate, and directed them, in the event of a vacancy therein, to intimate the same to the Commission if then in force. Intimation was sent to the Secretary, but the Commissioners proved to have transmitted their final report, and the faculty accordingly advertised the vacancy, and examiners were selected—Professor Thomson, Glasgow; Rev. A. J. Forsyth, Belhelvie; Professors Davidson, Skene, and Knight. Three candidates appeared: Thomas Clark, William Henderson, M.A., M.D. (who had acted as assistant to Professor French, and was afterwards Lecturer on *Materia Medica*), and William Laing, M.A., M.D. (afterwards Lecturer on *Surgery*). It was, however, objected that Clark being only M.D., had not undergone the “regular academical education” required by the “deed of foundation,” and his admission as a candidate was carried only by the casting vote of the Principal; Professors Black, Glennie, Knight and Brown voting against him. Prof. Knight thereupon declined to act as Examiner. On the conclusion of the examination, which lasted for three days, the examiners reported unanimously in favour of Clark. (*Lengthy Minutes*, 20th Aug. to 12th Nov., printed in Appx. to *Second Report* of 1836-37 Commissioners, pp. 212-220.) In session 1842-43, Clark's health gave way, and, excepting a few

<sup>1</sup> Chair founded, 1793, by Barbara Black, widow of Principal Thomas Blackwell. See Vol. I., p. 461; also Dr. Bain's “History of Chemical teaching in Aberdeen” in *Alma Mater*, Vol. VI., pp. 2, 12, 22, 39.

abortive attempts, he never lectured again. His class was conducted by a series of substitutes :—

1843-45. John Shier, M.A., 1831; LL.D., 1845; Professor Davidson's assistant (p. 48), 1838-41; Fordyce lecturer (p. 73), 1840-45. (Dr. Bain's *Biog. Mem.*)

1845-47. Professor Andrew Fyfe, of King's College.

1847-52. John Smith, M.A., 1843; M.D., 1844; LL.D., 1876. Afterwards Professor of Physics and Chemistry, University of Sydney.

1852. James Smith Brazier. Also substitute for Professor Fyfe in 1854, and succeeded him as Professor of Chemistry in the University of Aberdeen in 1862.

Notwithstanding his persistent ill-health, Clark was able to devote considerable attention to subjects of diverse character ; Water tests, University tests, English style, Spelling reform, Historical origin of the Gospels ; on which he issued numerous pamphlets. He made himself useful to the College in the struggles that ended in the union of 1860. He married, 6th Febr., 1849, Mary McEwen, with issue : Thomas (died young). He retired in 1860, and died 27th Nov., 1867. (Dr. Bain's *Biog. Mem.*; *Alma Mater*, Vol. VI.)

## PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY.

1833, June 18. Daniel Dewar.

"On a presentation he had obtained from the Crown without the privity of the College" (Knight). Principal in previous year, p. 30.

## PROFESSOR OF SURGERY.<sup>1</sup>

1839, 5th November. William Pirrie.

M.A., 1825; M.D., Edin., 1829; LL.D., Edin., 1875. Lecturer, 1830. Professor of Surgery, University of Aberdeen, 1860. Married, Mary Rose Matthews, with issue : Mary Rose (m. William Simpson, M.D., 1859), William (M.A., 1854, M.D., 1857), George (Capt., Madras S.C.), Helen Lumsden, Anna Jane, Georgiana Isabella, Alexander, James Miller Gordon (M.D., 1878). Retired 1882. Died 21st Nov., 1882. Author of *Principles and Practice of Surgery*, Lond., 1852, etc.; and (with Wm. Keith) of *Acupressure*, Lond., 1867. (Notice by present editor in *Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

<sup>1</sup> See Vol. I., p. 524.

## PROFESSORS OF ANATOMY.<sup>1</sup>

1839, 5th November. Allen Thomson.

M.D., Edin., 1830. Demitted 17th Aug., 1841, on appointment to chair of Anatomy, Glasgow.

1841, Sept. 8. Alexander Jardine Lizars.

F.R.C.S. Ed., 1831. Professor of Anatomy, University of Aberdeen, 1860. Retired 1863. Married, 1st, Elizabeth Home, with issue, Eliza Home; 2nd, Mary Macdowall. Author of *Elements of Anatomy*, Edin., 1844, etc. Died 1866.

<sup>1</sup> See Vol. I., p. 524.

## PROFESSORS OF HUMANITY.<sup>1</sup>

1841, July 3. John Stuart Blackie.

Student at Marischal College (1821-24 and 1826-29), at Edinburgh (1824-26 and 1832-34), and at Göttingen, Berlin and Rome. The circumstances attending Blackie's presentation and admission are detailed in Vol. I., 520-3, and by Dr. Bain in *Free Press* of 28th April, 1890. Demitted 19th April, 1852, on appointment to the Greek chair, Edinburgh. Married, 19th April, 1842, Eliza Wyld. Died 1894. Portrait in great window, Mitchell Hall, Mar. Coll. (*Life* by Stoddart, and by Kennedy: latter with list of writings.)

1852, May 17. Robert Maclure.

LL.D., Glasg., 1837. Professor of Humanity, University of Aberdeen, 1860. Married, Elizabeth May Richards. Died 1868. Author of *Praxis on Latin Moods*, Lond., 1839.

<sup>1</sup> See Vol. I., p. 520. References to instruction in Latin are found at earlier dates.

1593. By the Foundation Charter the three Regents are to teach Latin, which language (or Greek) all students are enjoined to use. (Vol. I., pp. 43, 54.)

1620-24. "David Wedderburne, maister of the grammer schoole . . . to give a lessoun of humanitie anes everie weeke." (I., 185; *Lachrymae* of 1623 and 1635.)

1650-55. John Forbes, styled professor of humanitie in the College accounts. Afterwards Humanist at King's College. (I., 270.)

1653. The Town Council grant the use of the aisle of the Grey Friar's Kirk for the humanity class.

1660-61. George Whyte, styled humanist.

1696-98. George Gordon, styled professor of languages. Son of late Patrick Gordon, humanist of King's College.

1826, June 16. James Melvin, Rector of the Grammar School, appointed to teach a humanity class. M.A., 1813; LL.D., 1834. On 28th Oct., 1839, he was requested to continue teaching "until a Professor of Humanity be admitted," and this he did during sessions 1839-40 and 1840-41. Died 28th June, 1853. Portrait by Cassie, in possession of Grammar School, reproduced in this volume, in the Melvin Window, King's College, and the great window, Mitchell Hall, Marischal College. (Masson's *James Melvin*, Aberd., 1895.)

## PROFESSOR OF MEDICAL LOGIC, AND MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE.<sup>1</sup>

1857, November 21. Francis Ogston.

M.A., Mar. Coll., 1821; M.D., Edin., 1824; LL.D., Aberd., 1885. Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence since 1839, p. 69; Professor of the same in the University of Aberdeen, 1860. Married, Amelia Cadenhead, with issue: Jane (m. Rev. Henry Cowan, aftds. D.D., Prof. of Church Hist.), Alexander (M.D., 1866, Prof. of Surgery, 1882), Francis, M.B., 1873 (Lecturer, Univ. of Otago), Helen Milne. Retired 1883. Died 25th September, 1887. Author of *Lectures on Med. Jurispr.*, Lond., 1878, etc. (*Fam. of Ogston. Fam. of Cadenhead.*)

<sup>1</sup> See Vol. I., p. 529.

## LECTURERS IN MEDICAL SCHOOL.

1802,<sup>1</sup> Sept. 24. Charles Skene, lecturer on Anatomy.

M.A., 1795; M.D., Edin., 1799. Professor of Medicine, 1823, p. 55.

1811, Nov. 1. William Dyce, lecturer on Midwifery.

Alumnus, 1783. M.D., King's Coll., 1797. Father of William Dyce, R.A., and of Robert Dyce, M.D., Lecturer, 1841, Prof. of Midwifery, 1860. Portrait in possession of his son-in-law, Rev. Dr. David Brown, Principal of the F. C. Coll., Aberdeen.

<sup>1</sup> A few references may be collected to courses of instruction in Medicine at an earlier date:—

1741, Sept. 4. Part of the new building is called the "Anatomical Hall". (Min.)

1758, Oct. 17. Dr. John Gregory and Dr. David Skene advertise classes for Medicine and Midwifery. (*Aberd. Journal.*) "Notwithstanding the deservedly high reputation of these two gentlemen, their endeavours did not meet with that encouragement which might have been expected, owing entirely to certain unlucky differences, subsisting at that time amongst the physicians here, who rather discouraged the scheme in general, and some entirely prevented their pupils from attending." (*Coll. of Papers*, 1787, p. 188.)

1759, Jan. 9. Kirk Session of Old Machar emit a long and strong edict about the ignorance of midwives, and recommend Dr. Skene's midwifery class. (*Aberd. Jl.*)

1770. Professor Thomas Gordon's scheme of Union contemplates a Professor of Anatomy in addition to a Professor of Medicine. (*Coll. of Papers.*)

1782, Feb. 4. Dr. William Chalmers announces a "Medical Academy" comprehending Medicine, Midwifery, and in Summer Botany. "The virtues of medicines, and the most elegant and effectual methods of compounding and prescribing them will be delivered and reduced to practice." (*Aberd. Jl.*) Next month Dr. Chalmers becomes Mediciner at King's College, and nothing more is heard of a wish to teach.

1786. In the Union controversy the formation of a Medical School is held out as a principal inducement. (*Coll. of Papers.*)

1786, Oct. 23. Dr. French and Dr. Livingston (afterwards Professors) propose a six months' course of clinical lectures at the Infirmary. (*Aberd. Jl.*)

1789, Dec. 15. Aberdeen Medical (afterwards Medico-Chirurgical) Society, founded by twelve medical students. (*Mrs. Rodger's Aberd. Doctors.*)

1790. Mr. James Russel offers a course of Clinical Surgery at the Infirmary, to open "in the beginning of November along with the medical classes in the University".

1793, Oct. 21. Professor Livingston announces a course of lectures. "Did not succeed." (Knight.)

1818, Mar. 27. George Barclay, lecturer on Surgery.

M.A., 1809; M.D., Edin., 1812. Died 1820.

William Henderson, lecturer on *Materia Medica*.

Caskieben. M.A., 1809; M.D., Edin., 1813. See p. 68.

1818, Nov. 10. Alexander Ewing, lecturer on Physiology in the Joint School.<sup>1</sup>

Tertowie. M.A., King's Coll., 1810; M.D., Edin., 1815. Married, Miss McCombie, Easter Skene, and was father of Lieut.-Col. Alex. Ewing, husband of Miss J. H. Gatty.

Appointed by King's Coll., 31st Oct., and now confirmed under Regulation 4.

<sup>1</sup> " MARISCHAL COLLEGE, 3rd April, 1818.

" It being suggested to the Faculty that a Medical School on an extended plan, and under the patronage of both Universities, might now be established; they unanimously approve of the measure, and desire their Clerk to write a letter to the Principal and Professors of King's College, requesting a meeting with them, to take the proposal into consideration and, if approved of, to take the necessary steps for carrying it into effect."

" MARISCHAL COLLEGE, 19th May, 1818.

" The Report of the Committee of both Colleges relative to the appointment of Medical Lecturers having been laid before the Faculty and read, they unanimously approve of the same and order it to be recorded in their minutes, whereof the tenor follows:—

" Aberdeen, May 16, 1818.—At a Meeting of the Committees of King's and Marischal Colleges, to arrange a plan for the establishment of a Medical School, held at Marischal College, 16th May, the following regulations were suggested, as most consistent with the constitution of the Colleges, and best adapted to promote the institution, which, under the joint patronage of the two Universities, may attain a greater character, and be more extensively useful, than it could if only supported by one of them.

" 1. Both Universities to have equal power over the Medical School.

" 2. Courses of Lectures to be given, during the Winter Session, on the following subjects:—Anatomy, Animal Economy, Surgery, Practice of Physic, Theory of Physic, *Materia Medica*, Clinical Medicine, and Midwifery, and a course of Lectures on Botany during the Summer.

" 3. Lecturers on these subjects to be appointed or confirmed before the ensuing Session, or when the state of the School shall be thought to require this nomination.

" 4. As the appointment of the Lecturers by a general meeting of both Colleges, having no corporate capacity, might not be deemed valid by the separate Faculties, it is proposed that the nomination to the Lectureships shall belong alternately to each, neither appointing twice successively to the same Lectureship, and that the appointment thus made by one College shall be confirmed by the other; both Faculties entering a regulation in their minutes, binding themselves to this mode of alternate nomination and mutual confirmation.

" 5. Lecturers having been named by Marischal College on Anatomy, Surgery, and *Materia Medica*, before the present plan of joint patronage was thought of, it is recommended that these appointments should in the meantime be confirmed by King's College, and that

1819, Dec. 10. Robert White : Institutes of Medicine.

Appointed by King's Coll., for one year, 18th Oct. Resigned 29th June, 1820.

1820, Sept. 25. Patrick Blaikie : Surgery.

M.A., 1808; M.D., 1814. Appointed by King's Coll., 28th Aug. Died 27th February, 1830 : his winter course finished by Alexander Cromar, House-Surgeon, Infirmary.

1823, Aug. 29. Alexander Ewing : Anatomy.

Appointed by King's Coll., 16th Aug. Demitted 1830.

1826, Nov. 14. Alexander Fraser : Midwifery.

M.A., 1808. Appointed by King's Coll., 6th Nov. M.D., King's Coll., 1845.

1827, April 9. William Knight : Botany.<sup>1</sup>

Professor of Natural Philosophy, p. 48. Appointment made by the Joint Committee. Knight had taught a private Botanical Class in 1811-13, 1815, 1816, 1823-26. Demitted 1840.

the first nomination to the vacant Lectureships should proceed from the Faculty of King's College, and be confirmed by Marischal College.

"6. In case the Professors of Medicine of the Colleges should at any time wish to give Courses of Lectures, it will be advisable to reserve the Theory and Practice of Physic for them, the choice of either subject lying with the Professor that first undertakes the duty of lecturing. The appointment of Lecturers on these subjects may therefore be considered as *ad interim*.

"7. Should any of the Lecturers allow a Session to pass without giving a regular Course, his appointment is to be declared void, unless he shall have been prevented from doing so by bad health, or such reasons as may be deemed satisfactory by the College with which the next nomination to his lectureship lies.

"8. After the first nominations, when a vacancy is to be supplied in any of the established Courses, the College whose turn it is shall appoint a Lecturer within six months after the vacancy has occurred ; two meetings of the Faculty having been held, at a month's interval, to consider the best mode of supplying it, and the claims of different candidates.

"9. To facilitate the arrangements necessary in opening and conducting the different Courses, it is recommended that a Standing Committee be appointed by each of the Faculties, to co-operate in superintending and promoting the objects of the Institution ; and that a Report of the state of the Medical School be made at least once a year, by this Joint Committee, to a General Meeting of the Faculties of both Universities."

<sup>1</sup> 1780, May 6. Rev. Robert Memis is granted £6 per annum for three years towards formation of a botanic garden. (See also T. C. Reg., lxiv., 196, 230.)

1782. Dr. William Chalmers includes instruction in botany in his scheme of a Medical Academy. (*Aberd. Jl.*, 4th Feb.) Never carried into effect.

1787. Mr. Memis advertises a class in Theory and Practice of Botany. (*Aberd. Jl.*, 15th May.)

1792. Rev. Alexander Smith advertises a class. (*Aberd. Jl.*, 13th May; T. C. Reg., lxvi., 249; lxvii., 56.) Continued yearly till 1799, when he became minister of Chapel of Garioch. D.D., 1814.

1801-10. Professor James Beattie taught a class. Number 10 to 20.

1817-22. No regular class. Attempts made by several of Professor Knight's students, Collie, Andrew Mackay, William McGillivray.

1828, Dec. 2. James Torrie : Institutes of Medicine.

M.D., King's Coll., 1823. Confirmed by King's Coll., 6th Dec. Demitted 1831.

1830, April 3. Alexander Ewing : Surgery.

Confirmed by King's Coll., 16th Apr. "1834, March 15. Some of Dr. Ewing's students prosecute him before the Sheriff for £8 6s. 8d. damage in bilking them of  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a course of surgery. He began Nov. 4 and their ruffing, which he mistook for applause, made him end 12 March, giving only 58 meetings, of which only 41 available in a certificate, 17 being examinations. He had been absent 27 times, besides raising his fee from 2 to 3 guineas. The action before Sheriff Watson amuses the public and frightens him; he resumes teaching, gets the Principal to go with him to his class, where Dewar blames him in his own presence. In April he terminates, turns restive, and sends long letters to the Senatus, wishing to know whether they account his course complete *now*: to which such answers as they deserved were sent. Dr. Ewing's class had been most disorderly, a subject being sometimes placed in the desk." (Knight.) Demitted 21 Aug., 1834.

1830, May 8. William Pirrie : Anatomy and Physiology.

Confirmed by King's Coll., 14th May. Professor of Surgery, 1839, p. 61.

1830, Nov. 1. William Laing : Clinical Medicine.

M.D., 1824, and Edin., 1827. Confirmed by King's Coll., 20th Nov.

1831, Nov. 25. John Geddes : Institutes of Medicine.

Appointed by King's Coll., 19th Nov.

1834, Sept. 26. William Laing : Surgery.

Appointed by King's Coll., 16th Sept.

1837, Jan. 10. Alexander Murray : Clinical Medicine.

M.A., 1816; M.D., Edin., 1828.

William Laing: Clinical Surgery.

Appointed by the Managers of the Infirmary, 2nd Jan., and confirmed by Mar. Coll.

1839, Sept. 3. William Henderson : lecturer on *Materia Medica* in Marischal College.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> On 4th October, 1838, the Senatus of King's College declined to consent to the appearance of the advertisement of the classes of the Joint Medical School which had been annually sanctioned for the twelve preceding years. This refusal was mainly based on the contention that the King's College Senatus should have been consulted as to the amount of accommodation allotted to Medical Classes in the new buildings of Marischal College, in terms of Article 10 in the agreement entered into by the Universities in 1818, *as recorded in the Minutes of King's College*, on 6th July of that year, *viz.* :—

"10. An equal number of classes to be taught at each University, if required, and deemed expedient by either. In the mean time, as a room has been built at Marischal College for the Anatomical Lectures, and as great difficulties attending the due supply of preparations, etc., would be increased, by changing the place of teaching, the Anatomical Course may be given

See p. 66. Robert Rattray, M.D., King's Coll., 1845, substitute, session 1845-46.

Francis Ogston : Medical Jurisprudence.

Professor, 1857, p. 64.

Alexander Harvey : Institutes of Medicine.

Hon. M.A., 1849; M.D., Edin., 1835. Did not begin to lecture till 1840-41. (*Min. of 29th Oct., 1839.*) Lecturer, King's Coll., 1849. Professor of *Materia Medica*, Univ. of Aberd., 1860. Bust in possession of University.

Sept. 30. William McKinnon : Comparative Anatomy.

M.A., 1832; M.D., Edin., 1836. Demitted 8th Feb., 1840, on election "to an Institution in Edinburgh".

Oct. 30. James Jamieson : Midwifery.

L.R.C.S. Ed. Resigned in bad health, 29th April, 1841.

1840, April 4. John Shier : Botany.

M.A., 1831; LL.D., 1845. Assistant to Professor Davidson, and Fordyce Lecturer on Agriculture. Biog. sketch by Professor Bain in *Trans.*, Aberd. Phil. Soc., Vol. I. Appointment became void next year, when Professor Macgillivray undertook to teach a Botanical Class. See p. 73.

at Marischal College—the other Courses at King's or Marischal Colleges, as may be agreed on by the Committee."

This entry did not appear in the corresponding Marischal College Minute of 19th May, 1818, but was duly intimated by King's College to the Commissioners of 1826-30. (*Evidence*, IV., 180.)

On 20th November, 1838, Mar. Coll. resolved to enquire of King's Coll. "whether they possess any original paper from which the regulations in their minute of 6th July, 1818, were copied". King's Coll. not unnaturally resented this enquiry as equivalent to demanding a proof that their records "had not been vitiated". A copy of the ten regulations in the handwriting of Dr. Skene was produced by King's Coll.; but "only two gentlemen who had a share in the business of this [Marischal] University in 1818 are now alive and their recollections do not supply any information respecting the tenth article".

On 11th April, 1839, the King's Coll. Senatus unanimously resolved "that all connection with the Marischal College in reference to the Medical School shall cease from and after the close of the Session," it being "inexpedient and even dangerous to maintain any further intercourse with Marischal College respecting the Medical School, when the letter and spirit of the original agreement have been so palpably violated". The Mar. Coll. Senatus, while denying "the allegation that they have violated either the letter or the spirit of the original agreement," and finding "a much nearer resemblance to a violation of that agreement in the refusal by members of King's College or its Senatus to sanction the usual advertisement of the Medical Classes," unanimously resolved, on 11th July, "that the agreement entered into by the two Colleges in 1818 in regard to the Medical School and all the arrangements depending upon that agreement are terminated". Extracts from their Records were printed by both Colleges.

- 1841, June 21. Robert Dyce : Midwifery.  
M.A., 1816. ; M.D., 1821. Professor, Univ. of Aberd., 1860.
- 1845, Nov. 8. Robert Jamieson : Mental Diseases.  
M.A., 1835 ; M.D., Edin., 1839. Not a permanent lectureship.
- 1849, July 7. George Ogilvie : Institutes of Medicine.  
M.A., 1838 ; M.D., Edin., 1842. Professor of Physiology, Univ. of Aberd., 1860. Afterwards George Ogilvie-Forbes of Boyndlie.
- 1849, Sept. 20. John Forbes Ogilvie : Insanity.  
M.A., 1840 ; M.D., Edin., 1844. Not a permanent lectureship.
- 1853, April 8. Wyville Thomson : Botany.  
On the death of Professor Macgillivray, Professor Nicol preferring not to teach Botany. Mr. Thomson had been lecturer on Botany in King's Coll. since 1851. Afterwards Professor in Cork, Belfast, and Edinburgh. Knighted 1876.
- 1854, April 17. William Rhind : Botany.
- 1855, February 10. Robert Beveridge : Botany.  
M.A., 1843 ; M.B., 1847.

## LECTURERS ON SCOTS LAW<sup>1</sup> AND CONVEYANCING.

1819, Oct. 4. Andrew Robertson.

Advocate in Aberdeen, 1803. Had been nominated by the Society of Advocates, 21st Jan., 1819. Demitted 15th Sept., 1821, on appointment as Sheriff-substitute of Forfarshire.

1821, Nov. 1. Alexander Thomson.

M.A., 1813. Advocate in Aberdeen, 1818. Had been nominated by the Society, 20th Sept., 1821. Resigned 21st May, 1828.

1828, June 24. James Edmond.

Alumnus, 1811. Advocate in Aberdeen, 1821. Had been nominated by the Society, 7th June, 1828. Resigned 21st January, 1843. Brother of Francis Edmond, long legal adviser to the University.

1843, Mar. 11. George Grub.

M.A., King's Coll., 1856 (Class of 1829); LL.D., Aberd., 1864. Advocate in Aberdeen, 1836. Had been nominated by the Society, 10th Feb., 1843. Became, in 1860, Substitute for Professor Patrick Davidson, Civilist in King's Coll., since 1833, and on his death, in 1881, succeeded to the Chair of Law. Retired 1891. Died 1892. Author of *Eccles. Hist. of Scotland*, Edinb., 1861; etc. Portrait by Sir George Reid in possession of University.

<sup>1</sup> Lectureship founded by the Society of Advocates in Aberdeen. See Vol. I., p. 489. Their request to grant the title of "Professor" is taken *ad avizandum* by the Faculty. David Verner, Regent, had taught Law in 1724, and Francis Skene in 1766, pp. 40, 44.

## LECTURERS ON PRACTICAL RELIGION.<sup>1</sup>

1825, June 9. William Laurence Brown.

Principal, p. 30. His Introductory Lecture, delivered 22nd Nov., "before the honourable the magistrates of the city, a considerable number of the clergy, all the professors, lecturers and students, of every denomination, of Marischal College, and many most respectable gentlemen inhabitants," printed, Aberd., 1826.

1830, Novemb. 12. Robert James Brown.

Professor of Greek, p. 49. Nominated by Trustees, 30th Oct.

1831, Novemb. 18. Alexander Black.

Professor of Divinity, p. 52. Nominated by Trustees, 29th Oct.

1844, January 6. William Robinson Pirie.

Professor of Divinity, p. 52. Nominated by Trustees, 2nd January.

<sup>1</sup> Lectureship founded by John Gordon of Murtle. See Vol. I., p. 489.

## LECTURERS ON AGRICULTURE.<sup>1</sup>

- 1840, March 2. John Shier.  
Substitute for Professor Davidson, pp. 48, 69.
- 1845, Nov. 29. Professor Andrew Fyfe.  
King's Coll. At same time substitute for Prof. Clark, pp. 58-9.
- 1846-47. Vacant.
- 1848, June 17. John Smith.  
Substitute for Professor Clark.
1852. Vacant.
- 1853, June 20. James Smith Brazier.  
Substitute for Professor Clark. Acted as lecturer down to the union of the Colleges, and thereafter for two Sessions, when he became Professor of Chemistry.

<sup>1</sup> Lectureship founded by Sir William Fordyce. See Vol. I., p. 452.

## LIBRARIANS.<sup>1</sup>

1632, Feb. 8. Robert Downy.

Appointed by the Town Council. Son of William Downy, Banchory, and nephew of Secretary Thomas Reid (p. 31). M.A., King's Coll., 1623; M.D. (*Scott's Fasti*). Minister of Futtie, 165-. Died 1663. Author of *Scotorum Elogium*, Aberd., 1641, and Verses in Forbes' *Funerals*; also (acc. to *Cat. Scot. Writ.*) of Poems dedicated to the Earl of Kinnoul.

1663, Nov. 4. David Gregory.

Of Kinnairdie, son of John Gregory of Drumoak. See **Table of Gregory** family in Vol. I., p. 203. Bajan, 1641.

1669, Jan. 9. Thomas Gray.

Regent, p. 37. Appointed by the Council. Drew up the earliest extant Catalogue.

1673, Oct. 30. Robert Paterson.

Regent, p. 37. Appointed by the College.

1717, Oct. 18. Thomas Blackwell.

The younger. Professor of Greek, 1723, p. 42. Presentation to be bibliothecar all the days of his father's life, signed by Principal and four regents. "Shewn me by Mrs. C. Ross" (Knight. See *S. N. and Q.*, V., 187).

1729. Matthew McKaile.

Regent in this year, p. 43. Styled keeper of Library in Min. of 24th Apr., when every M.A. is enjoined to pay £4 Scots to the Library.

1733. Thomas Reid.

Great-great-great-grandson of Robert, elder brother of Secretary Thomas Reid. M.A., 1726; D.D., 1762. Minister of New Machar, 1737; Regent, King's Coll., 1751; Prof. of Mor. Phil., Glasgow, 1764. Portrait by Raeburn in possession of Mr. A. J. Forbes Leith of Fyvie, reproduced in this volume, and in the great window, Mitchell Hall, Mar. Coll. (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

1737. John Skene.

M.A., 1733. Younger brother of Professor Francis Skene (*Skene Memorials*). Dismissed in 1750 as "guilty of very great negligence": Prof. Skene, his cautioner, to pay the value of books lost.

<sup>1</sup> See Vol. I., p. 200; also the present editor's *Hist. Notes on the Libraries of the Universities of Aberdeen*, Aberd., 1893. Principal Dun seems to have acted as custodian of the Liddell and Reid Collections till 1632.

1750. Professor Francis Skene.

1754, 7th March. The four regents to be Librarians for three years each, in order of seniority, on account of the smallness of their salaries; but Prof. Skene to retain office for seven years "until he be indemnified for the loss he has incurred".

1761. Professor Alexander Gerard.

1764. Professor William Kennedy.

1767. Professor George Skene.

1770. Professor James Beattie.

1773. Professor Francis Skene (d. 13th Feb., 1775).

1775. Professor William Kennedy.

1778. Professor George Skene.

1781. Professor James Beattie.

1784. Professor Robert Hamilton.

1787. Professor John Stuart.

1791. Professor James Beattie, Junr.

1794. Professor James Beattie.

1796. Professor Robert Hamilton.

1799. Professor John Stuart.

1802. Professor James Beattie, Junr.

1805. Professor George Glennie.

1808. Professor Robert Hamilton.

1811. Professor John Stuart.

1814. Professor George Glennie.

1817. Professor James Davidson.

1820. Professor Robert Hamilton.

1823. Professor John Stuart.

1826. Professor George Glennie.

1829. Professor James Davidson.

1832. Professor William Knight.

1835. Professor Robert James Brown.

1838. Professor George Glennie.

1841. Professor William Knight.

Superintended the transference of the books to the new Library, and began a new MS. Catalogue.

1844-60. Professor John Cruickshank.

In 1845, paid £45 for trouble in rearranging books. In 1851, reported that he had spent 1200 hours in arranging books after the fire of 1845, and in completing the Catalogue begun by Professor Knight.

## SACRISTS.<sup>1</sup>

1595. Andrew Leslie.

"Portar of the college . . . to ring ilk Wednesday at tua houris efter none, the Gray Freris bell." (*T. C. Reg.*, xxxvi., 436.)

1652. John Thomson.

Porter. Stipend or fee, £16 scots (Accts.).

1653-61. Thomas Anderson.

Porter. Stipend, £16 scots (Accts.).

1678. William Gordon.

Porter. Stipend, £13 6s. (Accts.). His relict, Margaret Hastie, receives several sums, 1686-7.

1684, Oct. 29. William Main.

"At the Marischall Colledge 29 Oct 1684

"The which day compeiried William Main, Bouer, burges of Abd, and produced an presentation from an noble and potent lord George Earle Marischall, Lord Keith and Altrie, undoubted patron of the sd. Colledge, to be Janitor in the sd. Colledge; the which presentation the Prinll. and Regents did accept, and having found him qualified for the sd. office and given him the oath de fideli administratione, did admitt him to the sd. office and to all the profeits therof. In witnes wherof we have subt. thir pnts wt. our hands tyme and place forsd

(*Buik of Reg.*)

"[signed] Ro Paterson, principall."

In 1697, Main is designated Sacrist. A year after he was appointed Janitor, we find him mortifying some house property towards the support of a bursar of his own kin, the augmentation of the salaries of the Principal and Regents, and the reparation of the fabric of the College (Vol. I., p. 328). John Davidson appears, 1688-1720, as "porter," a term now used to denote the sacrist's subordinate; so Alexander Brebner, under-porter, 1706-20, and porter, 1720-47. John Gibb, porter, 1747-53. Other under-porters were: James Walker, 1709; Peter Robertson, 1713; James Silver, 1739; Samuel Duncan, 1744.

1719. William Fowler.

Died 1753.

<sup>1</sup> This term does not occur in the Foundation Charter, but every student is directed to pay two shillings yearly to the "communis apparitor" or "bedellus".

1753, April 10. John Gibb.

Died 1788. (See an amusing elegy in *Caledonian Mag.*, March, 1789.) Robert Duncan, porter 1753-81; John Arthur, porter 1781-88.

1788, Sept. 6. John Arthur.

Died 1808. George Pirie, porter 1788-1808. Election of sacrist and porter in future to be annual.

1808, Feb. 26. George Pirie.

Died 1837, "a good servant" (Knight). James Bain, porter 1808, "reprimanded and cautioned 1815," "general conduct complained of and reprobated" 1819, "unanimously dismissed" 1826. James Diack, porter 1826-1837.

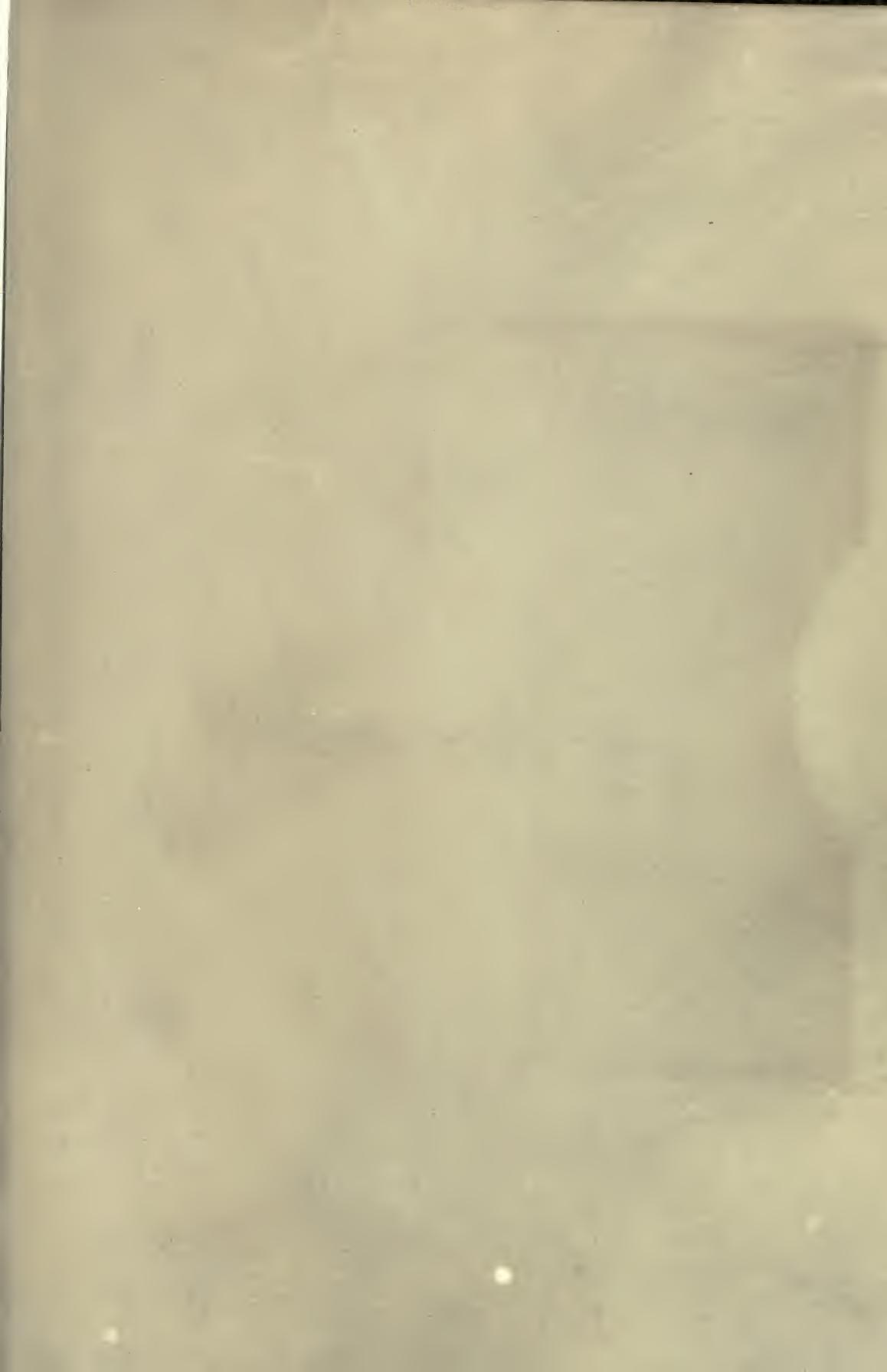
1837, Sept. 16. James Diack.

Died 1843. John Cooper, porter 1837-43, had been sub-porter 1836-7.

1843, April 7. John Cooper.

Died 1873. John Colvin, porter 1843, succeeded Cooper as Sacrist at Marischal College in 1873; at King's Coll., 1879; resigned 1891; died 1895; portrait by A. D. Reid in possession of University. (See "*John, his pilgrimage and his portrait*, Aberd., 1892.") The reign of John Cooper and John Colvin extended over fifty-four years; that of John Thomson, John Smith, and John Begg, at King's College, over sixty-six years; so that the name John came to be regarded as a generic vocative for all college servants.







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